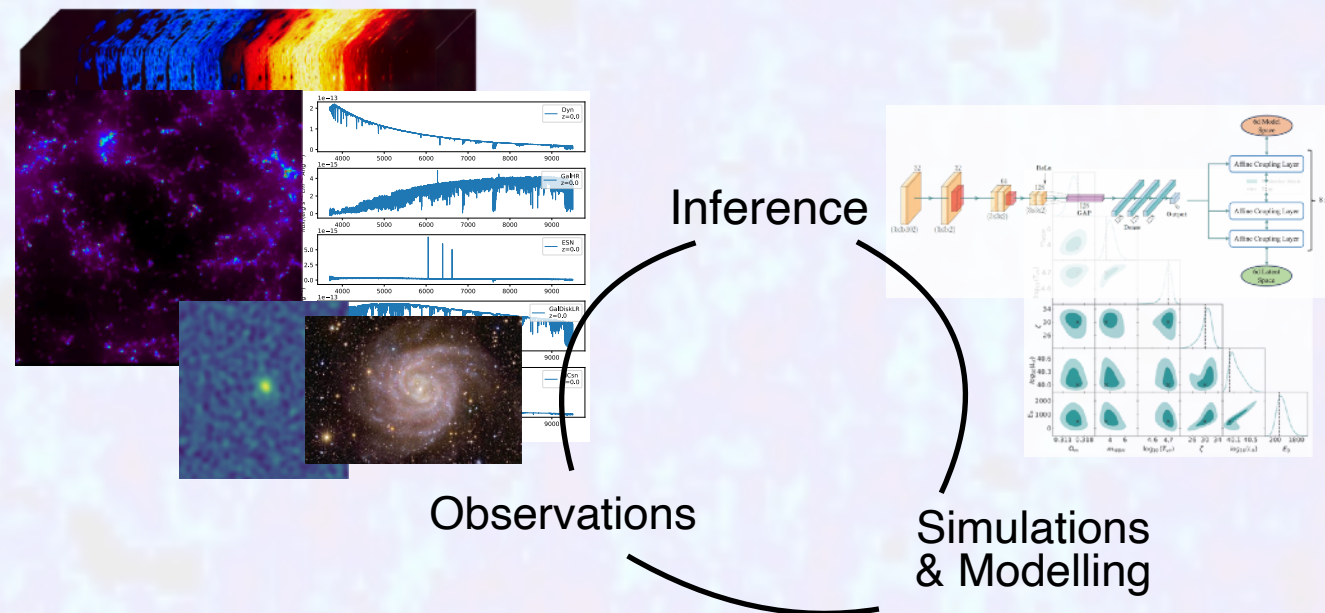


# Machine Learning for Astrophysics & Cosmology



Caroline Heneka, group leader, ITP Heidelberg

‘Computer Vision Astrophysics and Cosmology’

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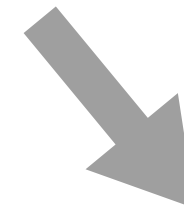
# Cosmology & ML group @

## About myself:

B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Physics (Heidelberg)  
PhD in Physics 2017 (Copenhagen)  
Postdoc: SNS Pisa, UHH Hamburg, + DLR  
Since 10/22 Group Leader

## Our goal

Learn about cosmology, large-scale structure, the high-redshift Universe (Reionization) and develop the suitable modern ML toolkit.

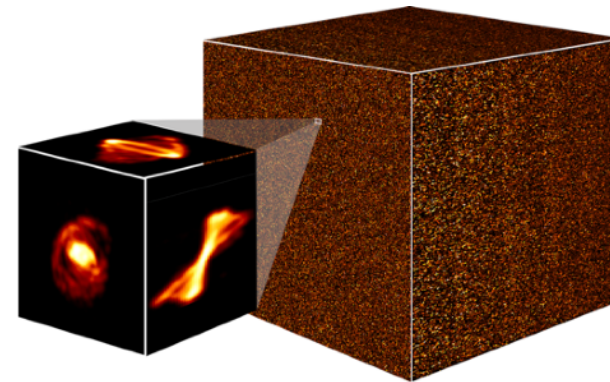


## Our research:

- Computational astrophysics / cosmology
- Intensity mapping
- Large (radio) surveys, SKA & LOFAR

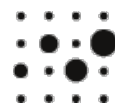
Specifically the modern ML toolkit for cosmology and large-scale surveys:

- Emulation, generation
- Inference
- Classification, anomaly detection
- Computer Vision tasks in astronomy



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CLUSTER OF  
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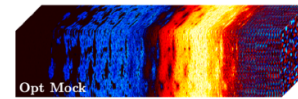
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# How will Astrophysics and Cosmology advance in coming years?

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Understanding



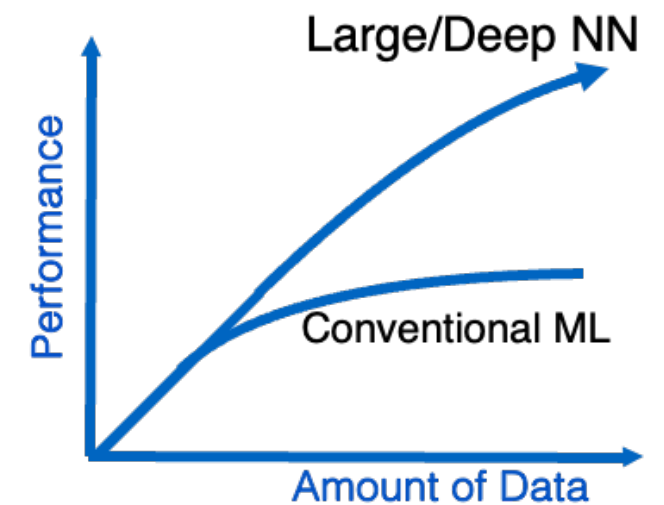
Survey Data

Data Science  
'ML + AI'

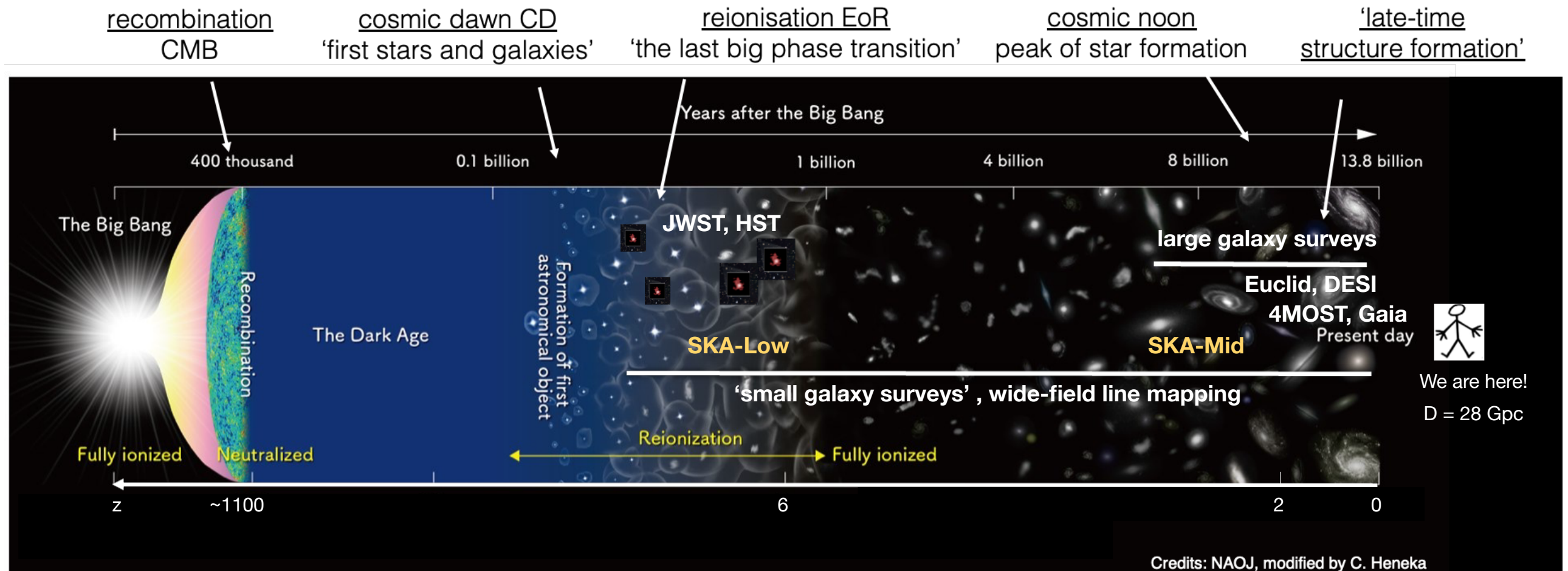
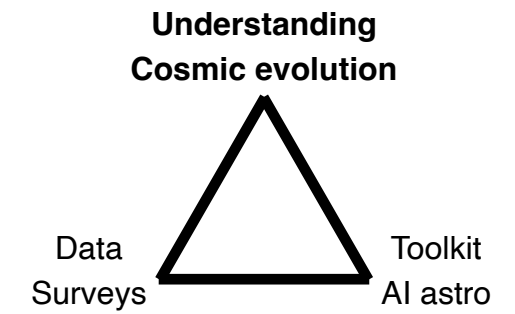


Efficient data reduction  
Automation

Extract more & less biased information  
Data mining



# Where we stand: Data revolution and cosmic evolution



## Our goal:

Learn about astrophysical & cosmological evolution  
across cosmic time and scales

Coming decade: push to map up to **80% of the observable Universe**



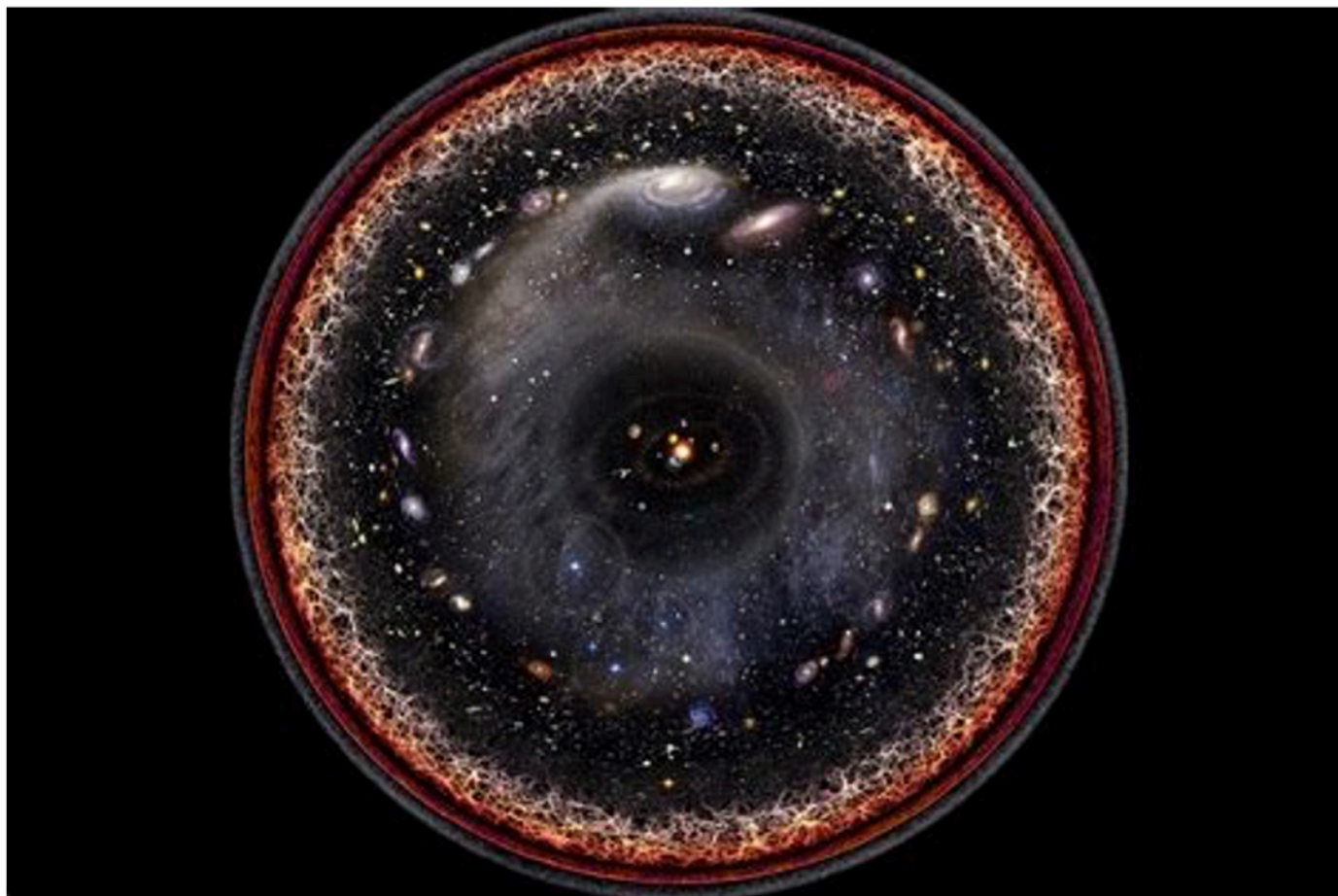
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Modelling challenges

True LSS probes  $\longrightarrow$  orders of magnitude of scales up to the ultra-large

...what does 80% of the observable Universe even mean?



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Observable Universe:

$d \sim 28 \text{ Gpc}$  (x3 Glyr)

80% if this:

$d \sim 22 \text{ Gpc}$

Let's say we resolve (only)  $\sim \text{Mpc}$

$\longrightarrow$  about 3-4 orders of magnitude

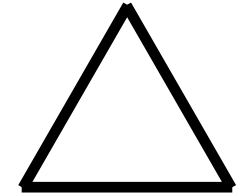
$\longrightarrow$  about  $10^9$ - $10^{10}$  modes!

... at some point we sub-grid model and/or change modelling approach

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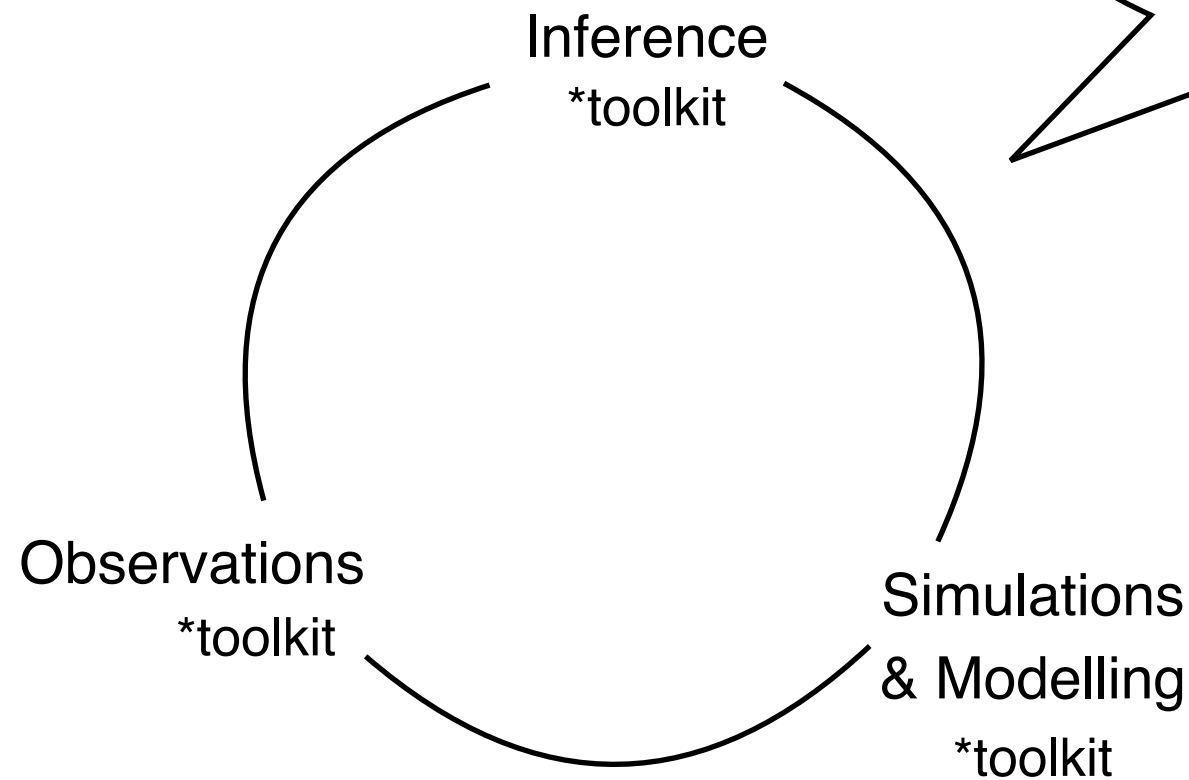
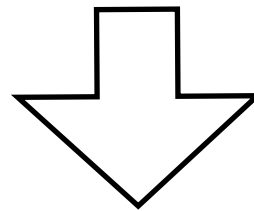
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Cosmic evolution



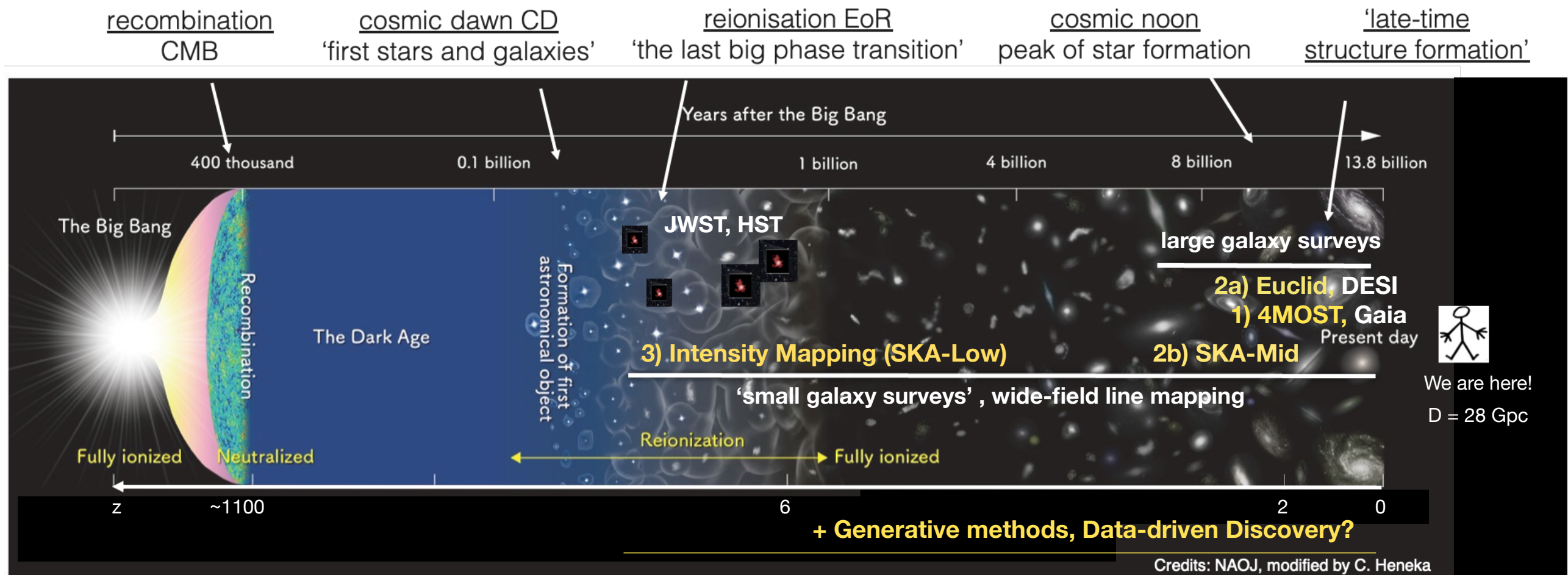
**We need a versatile ML/AI toolkit\*.**

New  
Scientific Life Cycles



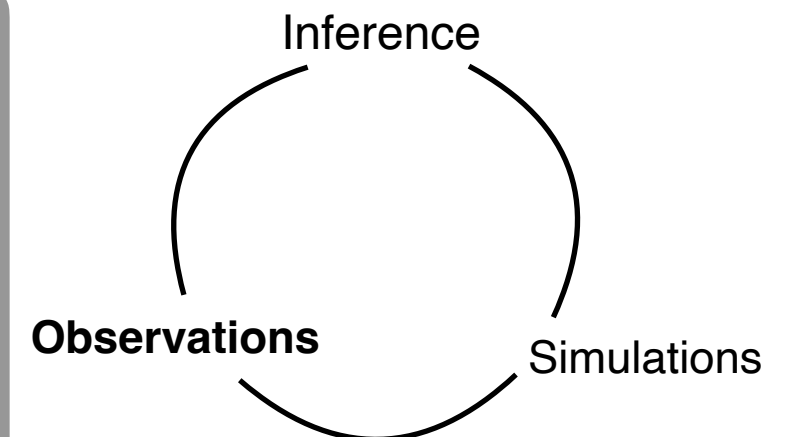
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# Research Highlights: Astronomical Data Science and Artificial Intelligence



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- 1) Classification
  - 2) Source detection & characterisation
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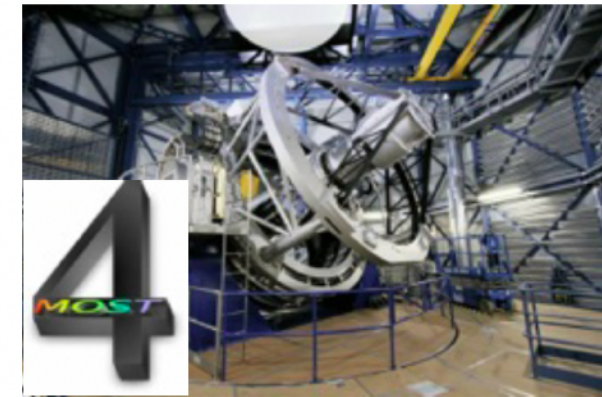




# 1) Classification and triggering for large astronomical surveys

4MOST: On-the-fly classification of spectra (1D)

- 5-year survey
- wide-field, fibre-fed, optical spectroscopy
- on ESO's 4-m-class telescope VISTA
- 2.5-degree diameter field-of-view, 2436 fibres
- HRS  $R \approx 18000 - 21000$ , LRS  $R \approx 4000 - 7500$
- 20mio. (LRS), 3mio. (HRS) sources



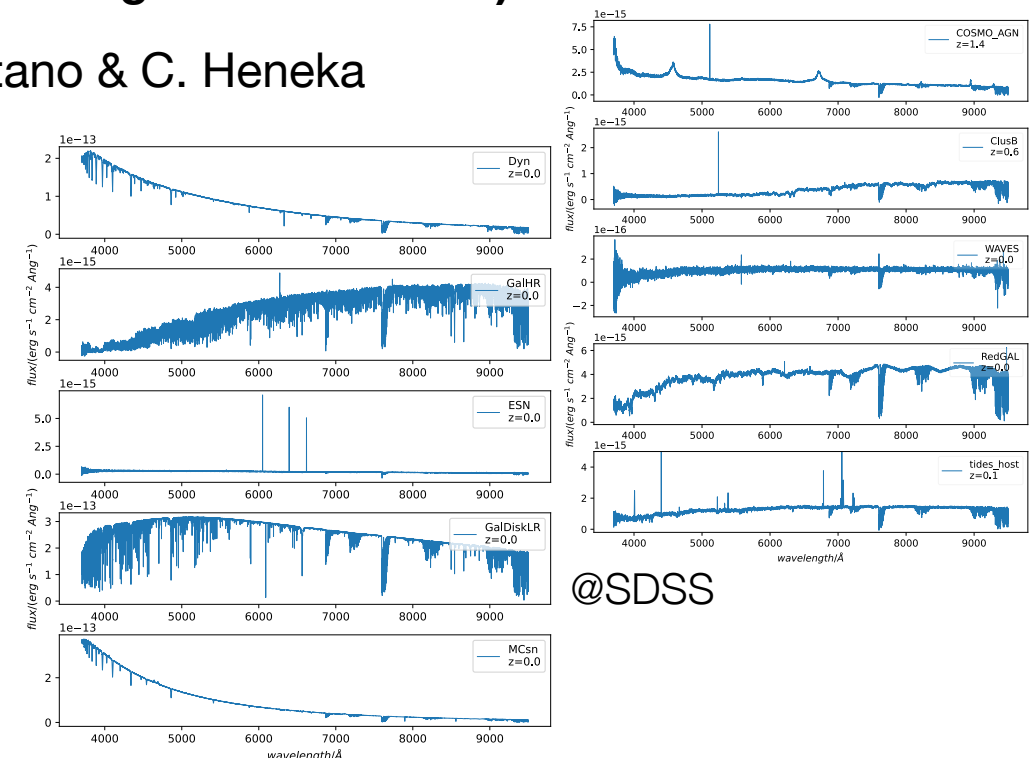
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## Goal: Data-driven classification pipeline layer (galactic & extragalactic sources)

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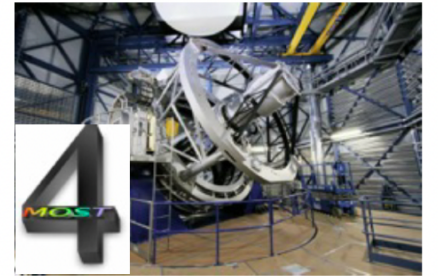


*Benchmark with SDSS archival spectra:*



@SDSS

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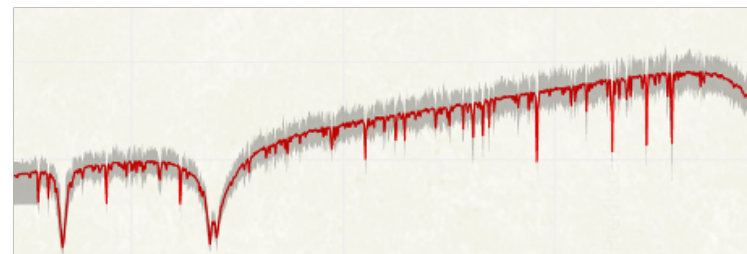
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→ Probabilistic multi-classifier

*For class:  
Convolutional  
network variants*

*For class uncertainties:  
Bayesian neural networks  
and contrastive learning*



*++ competitive with template fitting*

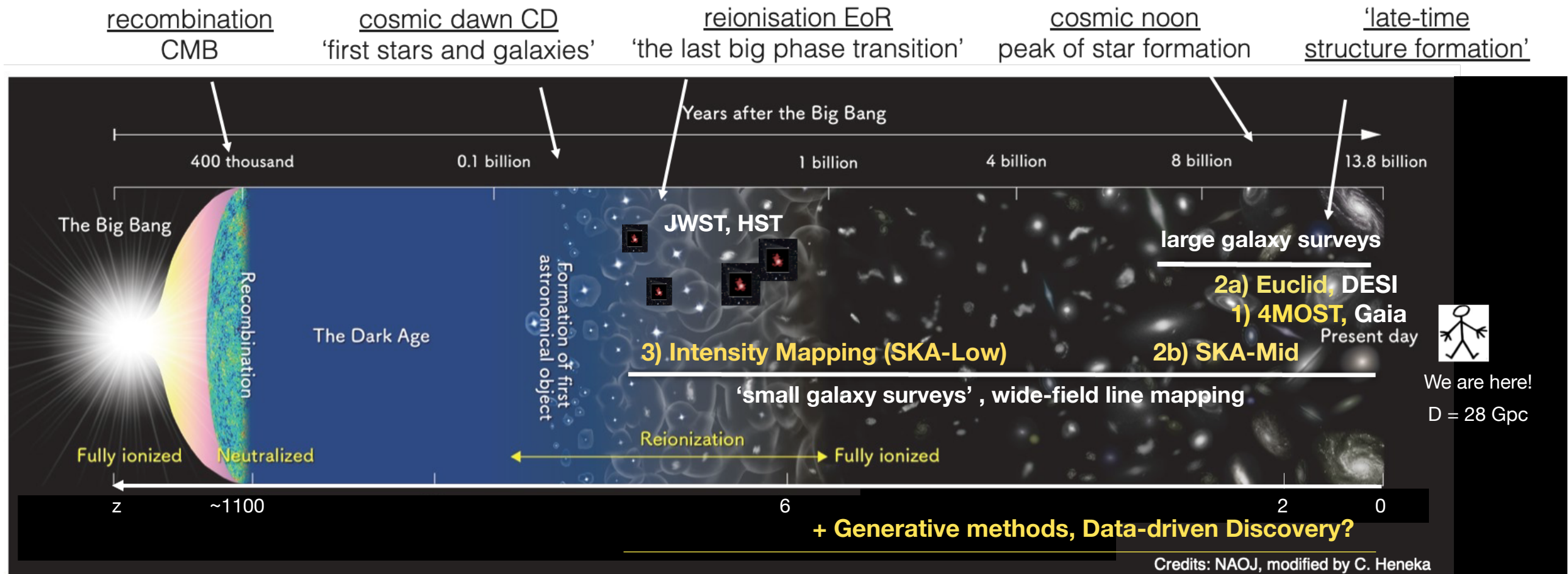
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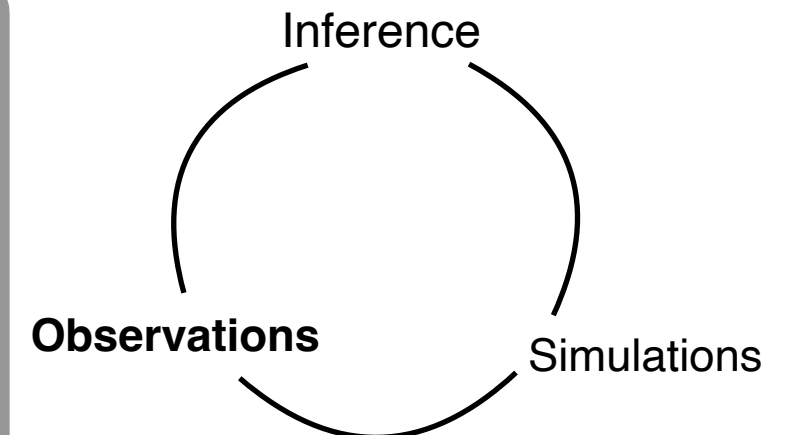
Actual

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Example: Optical source detection & characterisation

**Goal:** 'Good' photometry for surveys with high blended fraction  
- avoid bias!

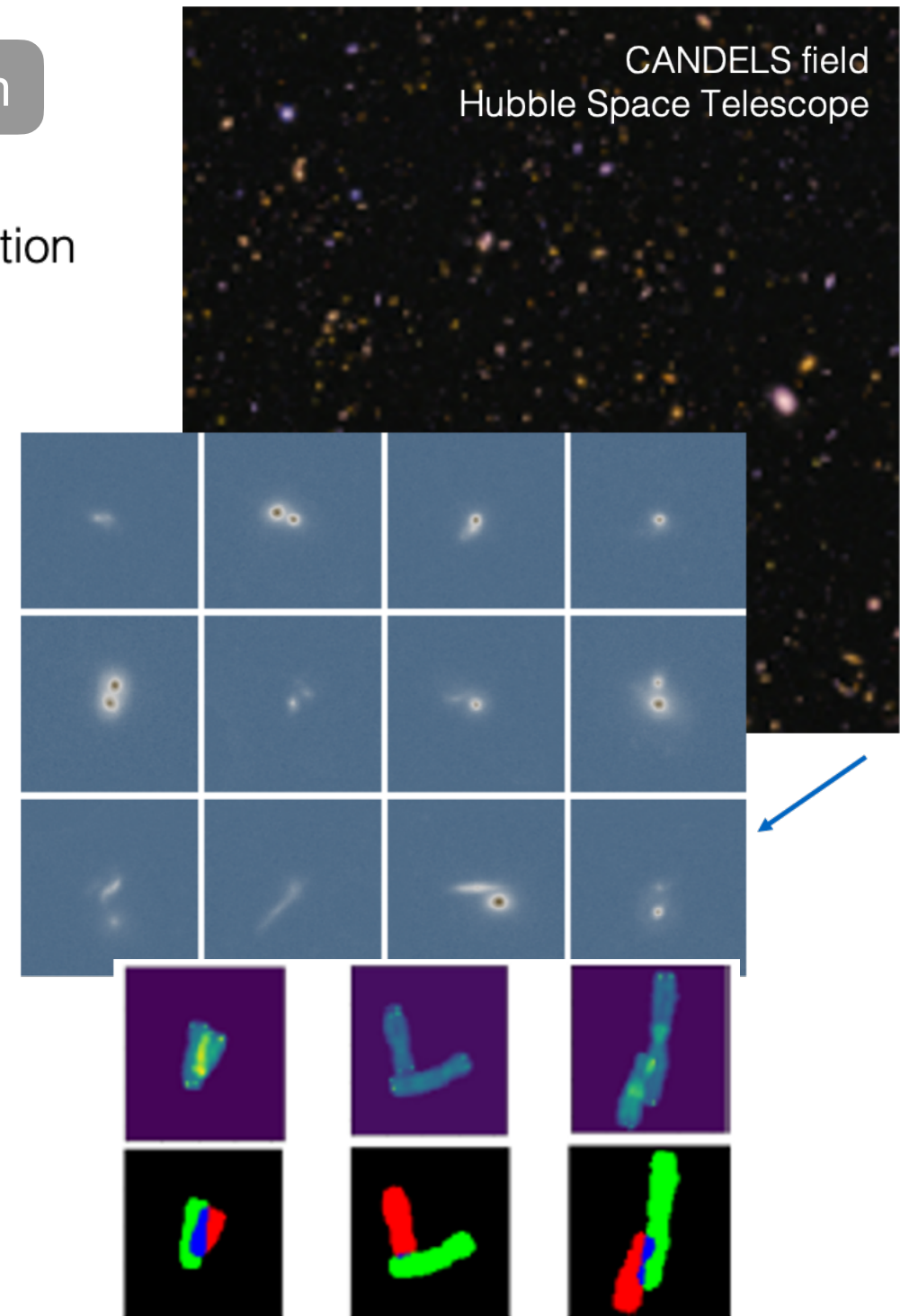
**Challenge:** Galaxies are 'transparent'

COIN network:

Emille Ishida (U. Clermont Auvergne)  
Marc Huertas-Company (Obs. de Paris)  
Alexandre Boucaud (APC, CNRS)



Boucaud, Huertas-Company, Heneka+ 20,  
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Lily Hu+ 2017

Similar challenge:  
Overlapping chromosomes



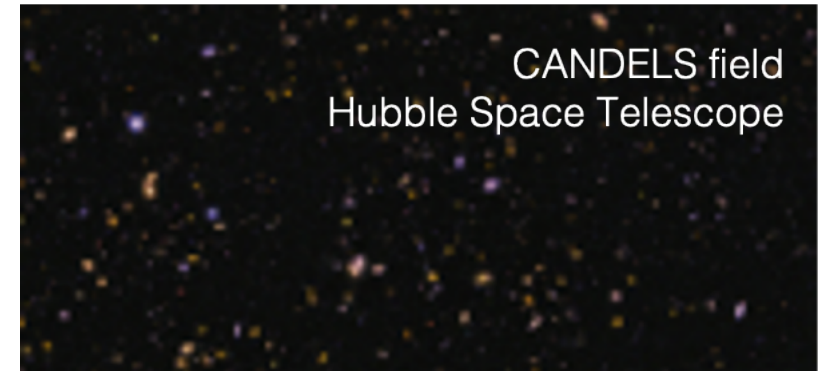
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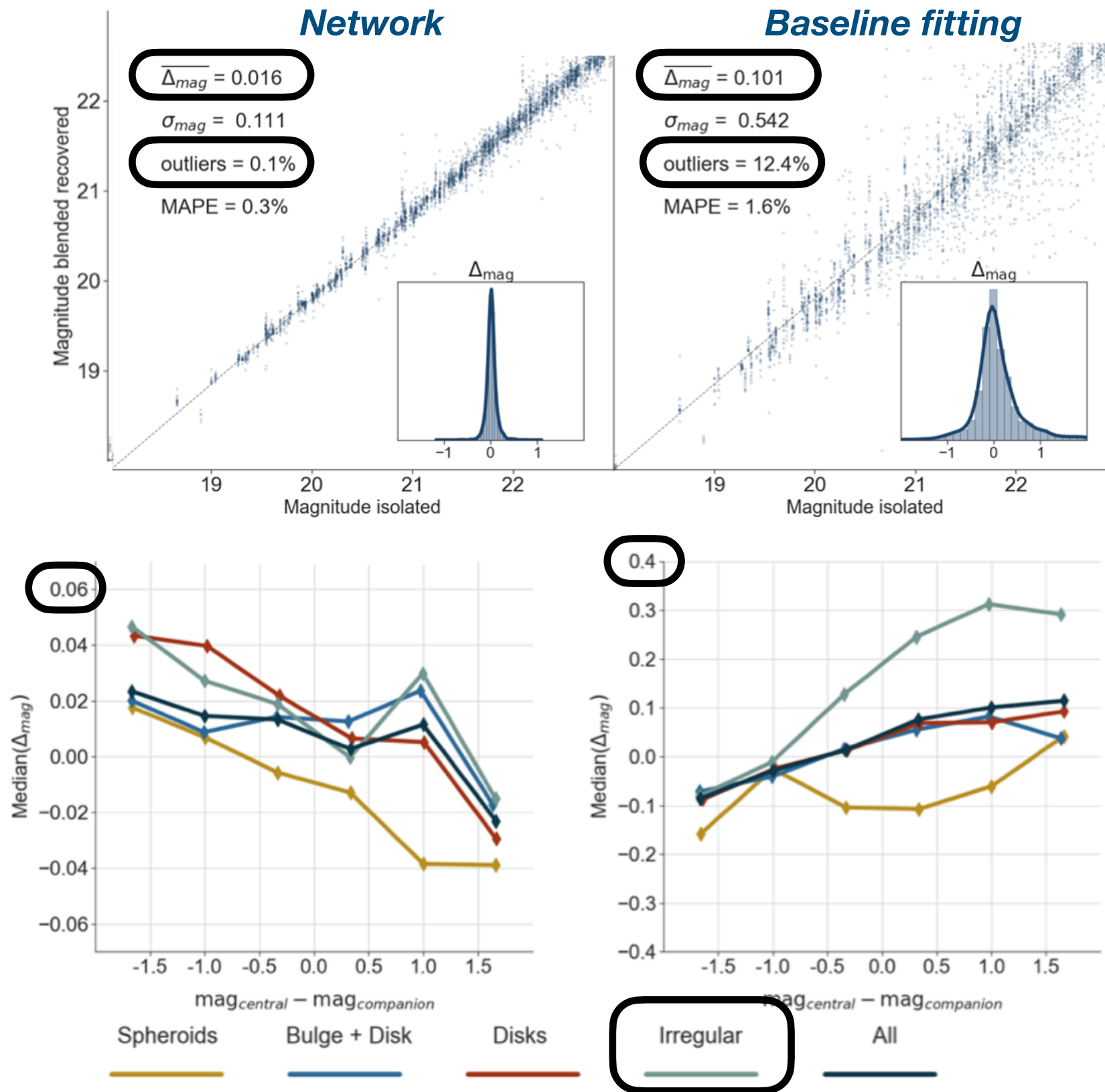
Galaxy morphology



Credit: Euclid, ESA



## 2a) Optical source detection and characterisation



Precise  
Photometry



~~Bias~~



Irregular



coindeblend

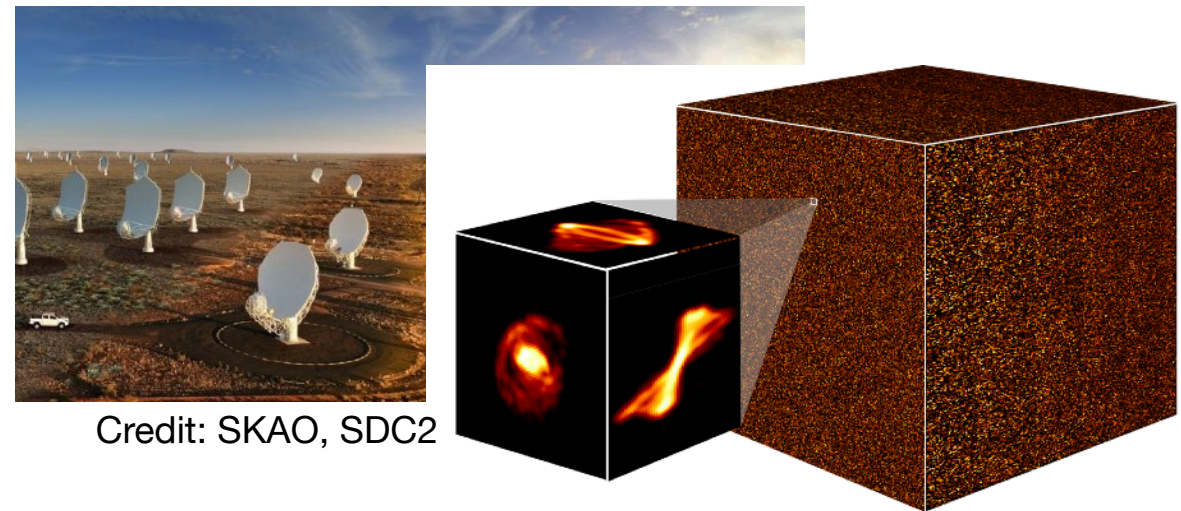
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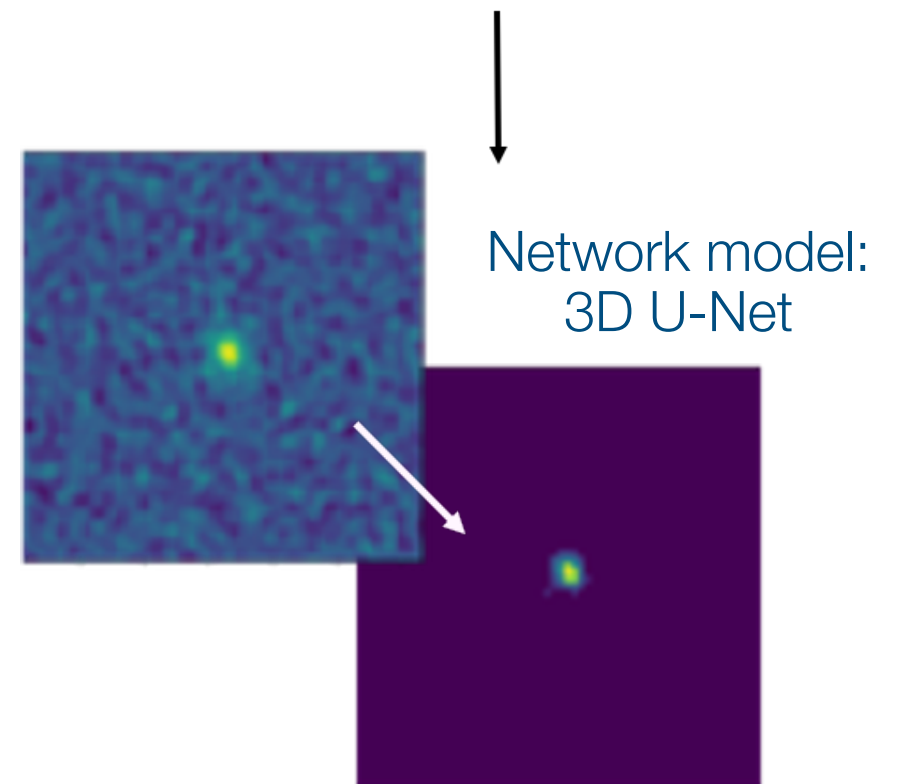
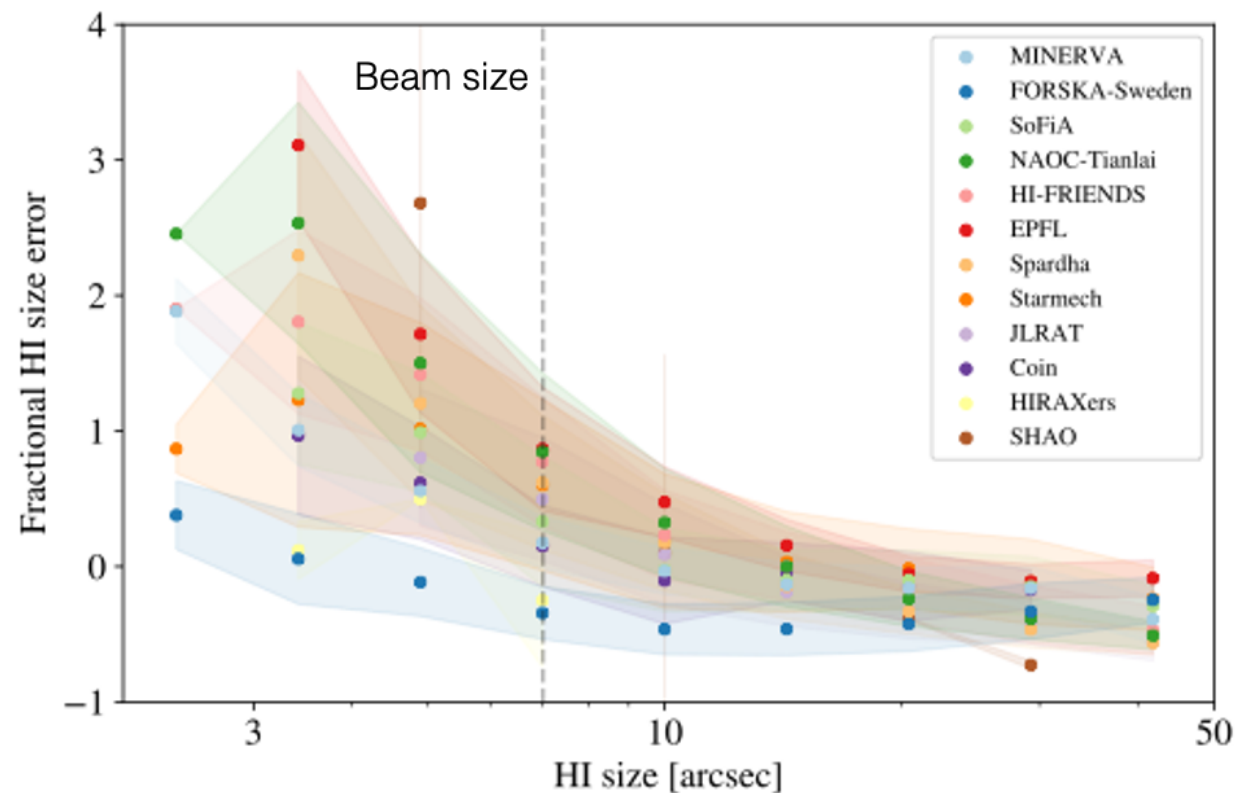
## 2b) Radio source detection and characterisation

Example: Source detection in tomographic data

- 3D better than stitching of 2D + 1D
- High-fidelity 3D reconstructions
- **Good prior for characterisation tasks via nets:**



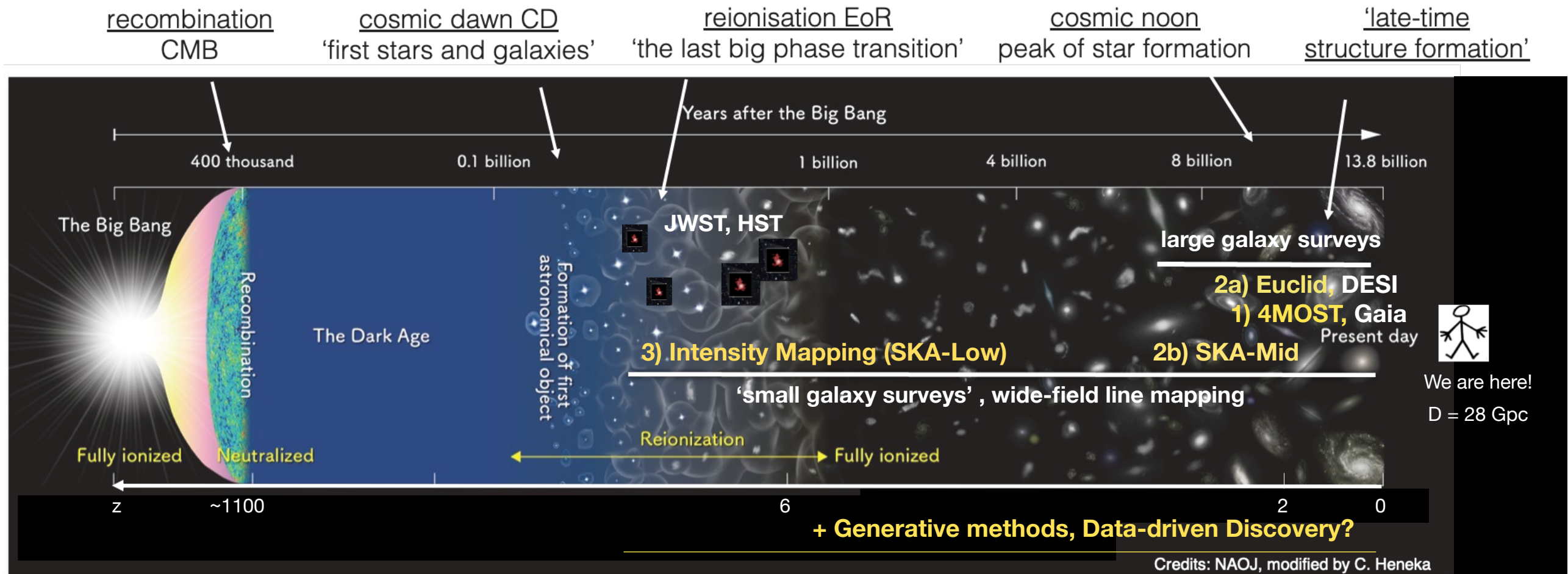
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@HPC/GPU Jean Zay (Idris)

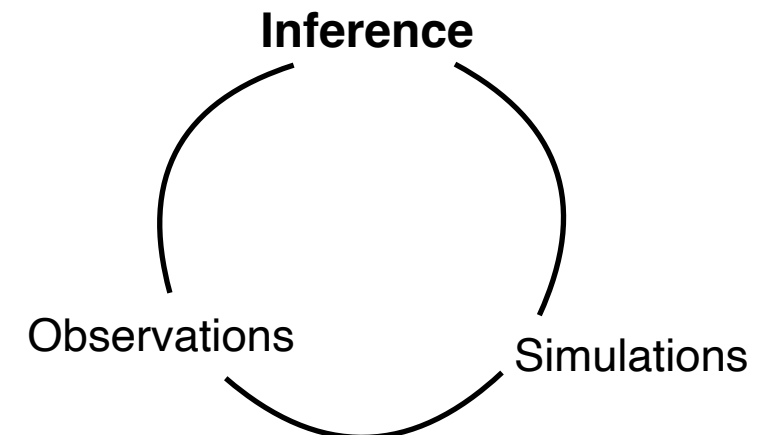
Hartley+ 23 (incl. Heneka), arXiv:2303.07943  
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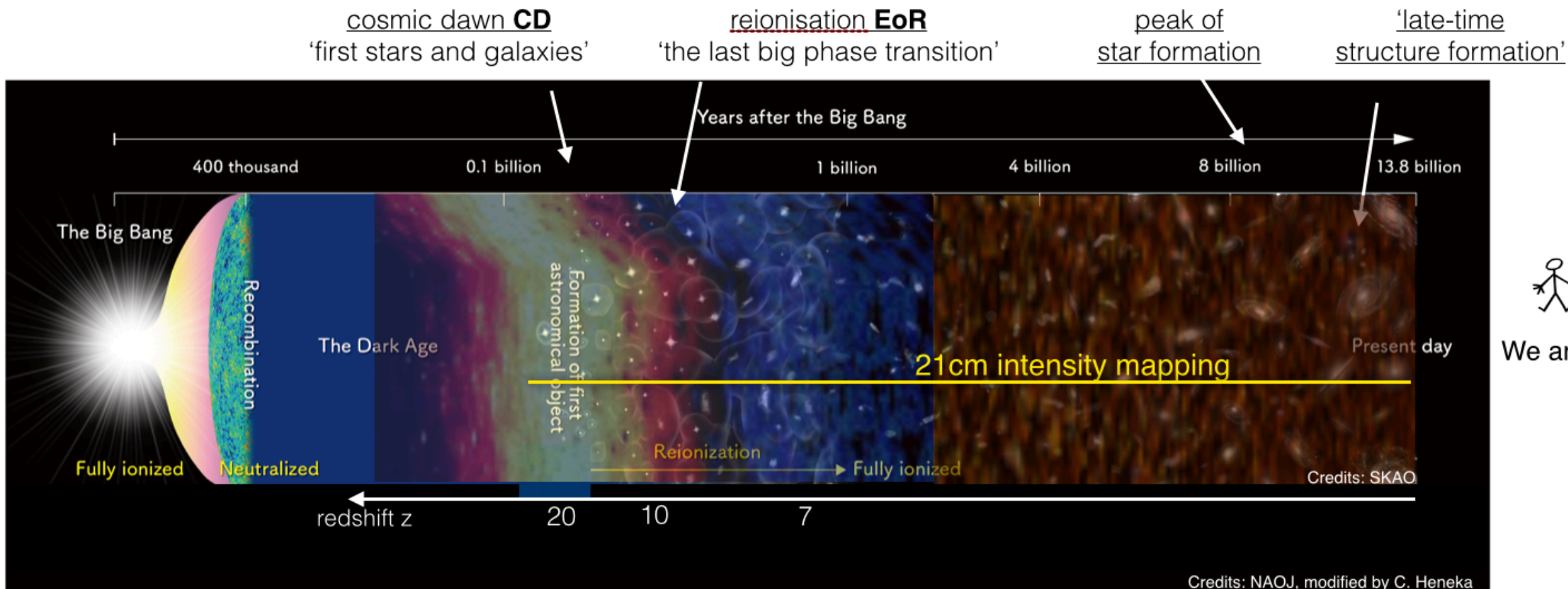


@SKAO

SKA: TB/s, few EB/day  
Archive: ~700 PB/yr

Why care?  
Tomography of >50% of the Universe  
True 'Big Data'  
non-linear, non-Gaussian signal

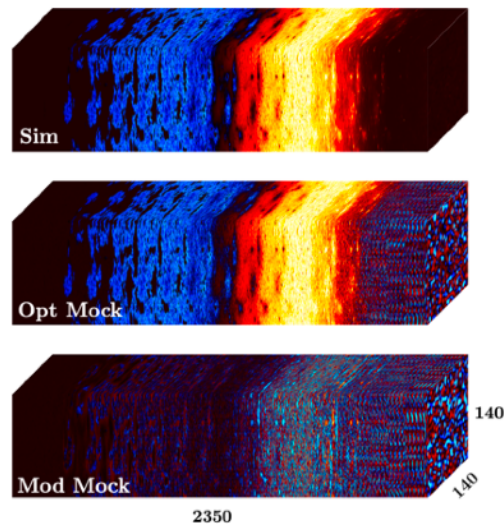
- ➔ MCMC becomes slow and biased
- ➔ Move to full likelihood(-free) inference with networks



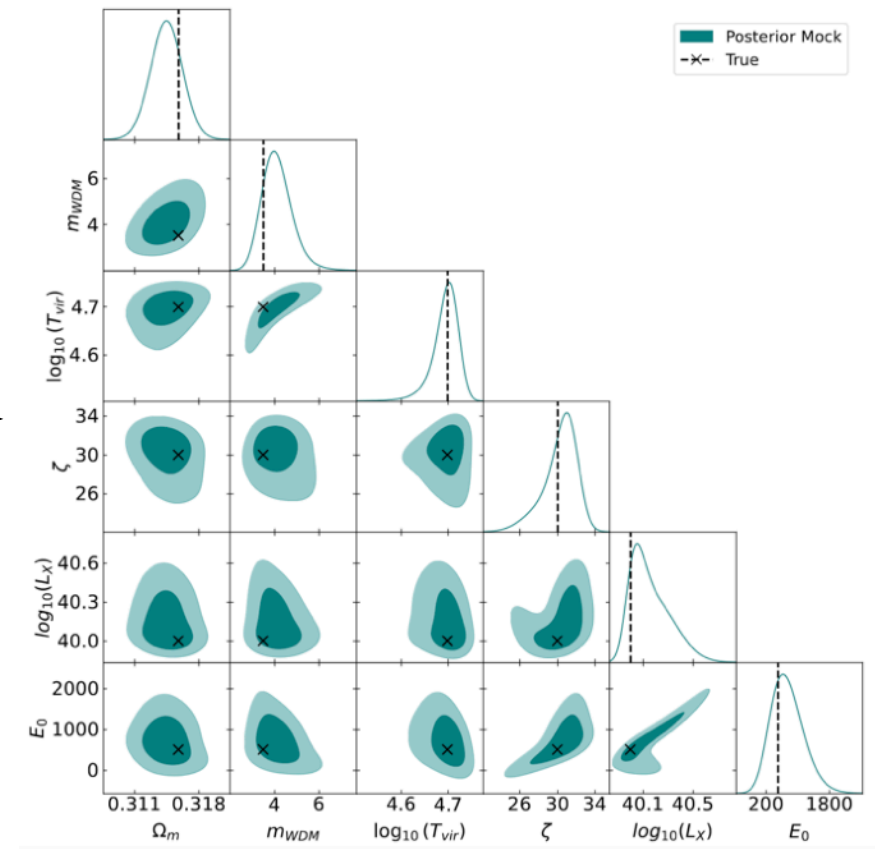
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### 3) Simulation-based inference (SBI) for the SKA



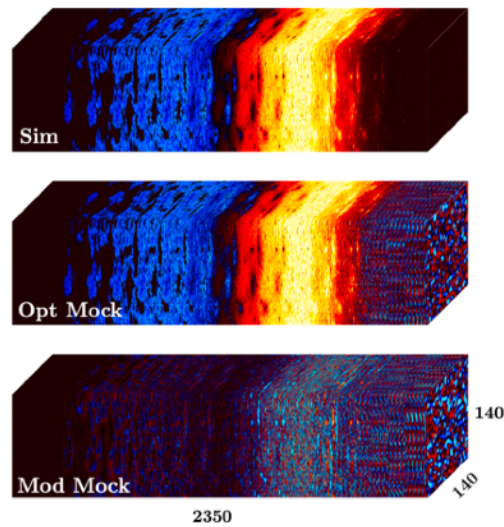
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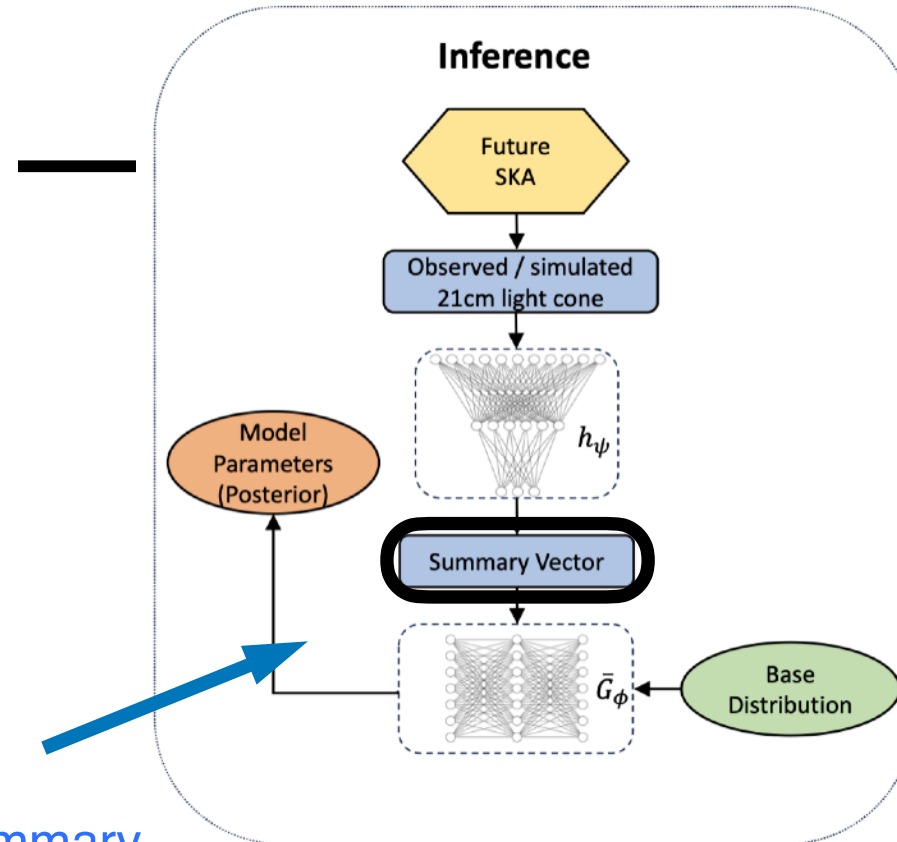
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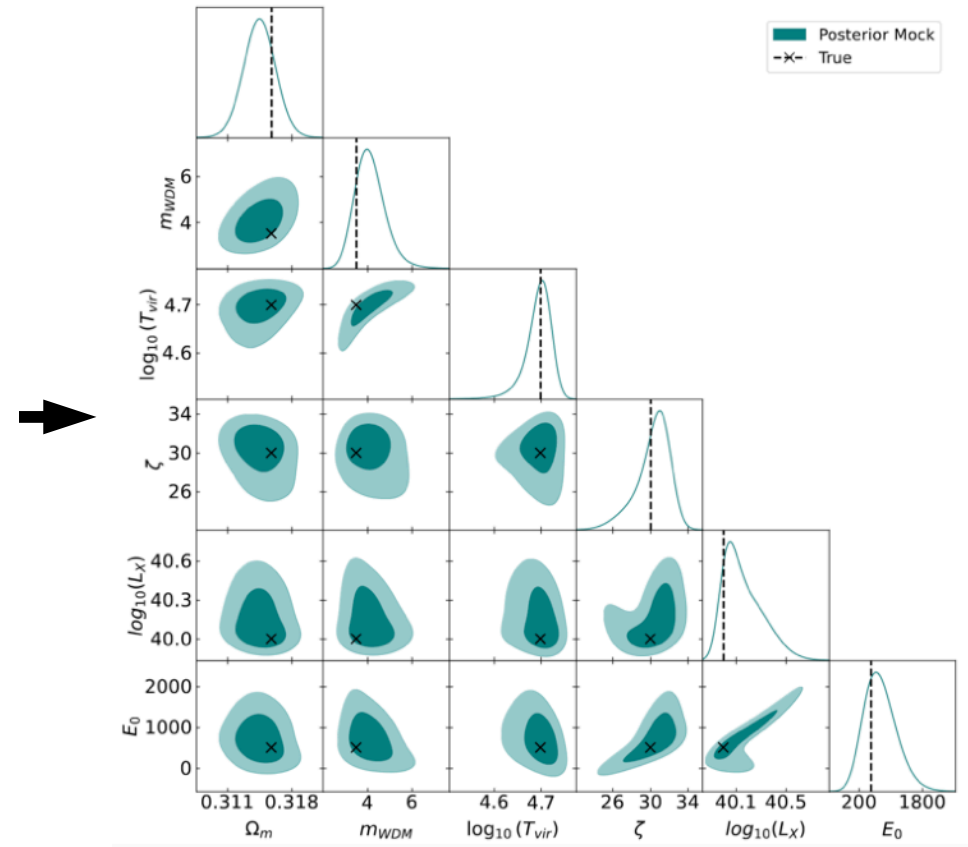
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SBI with flows/cINN  
based on BayesFlow  
arXiv:2003.06281



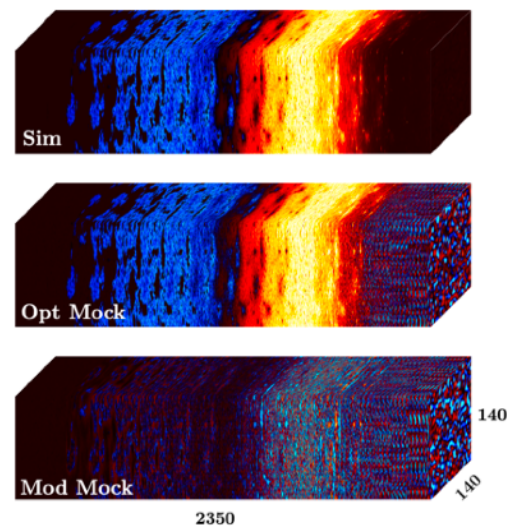
'The cool' here:  
End-to-end training  
Learned optimal summary



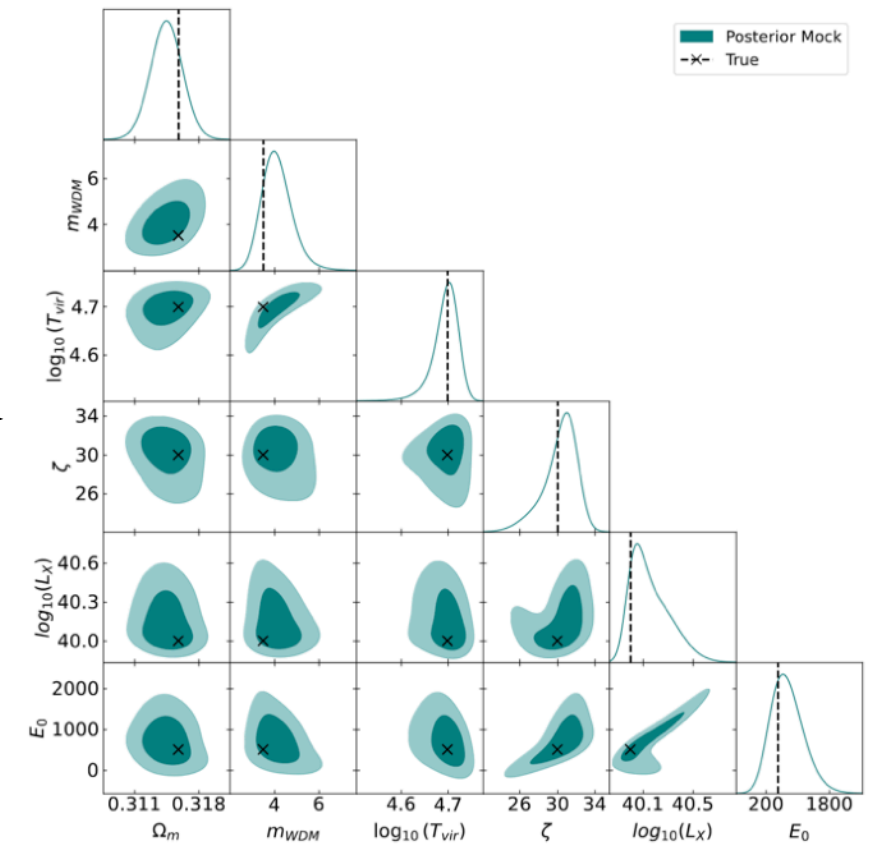
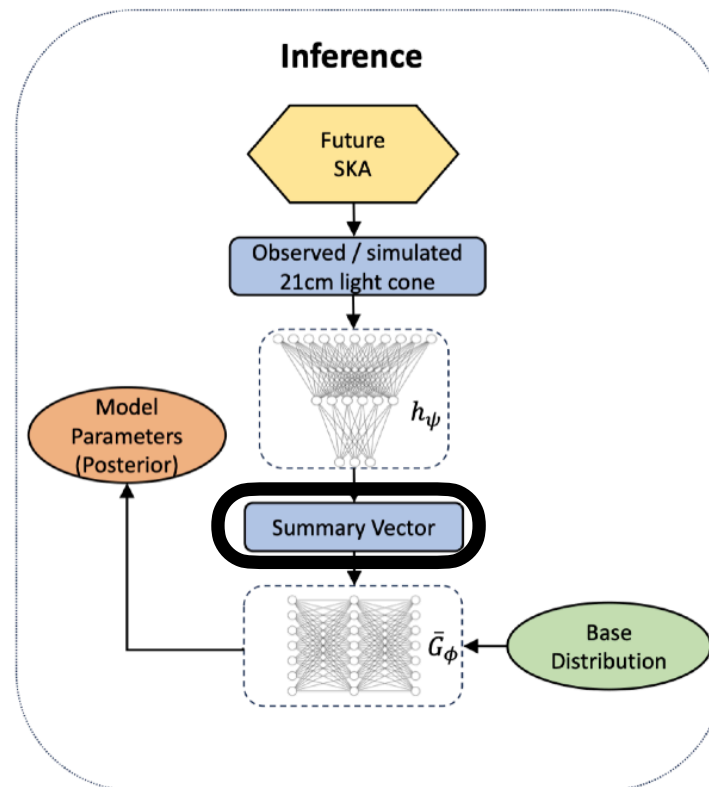
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Sim: Summary stays close to original  
Mock: Heavy adjustment of summary vector

We profit from learned summary in presence of noise (more)!

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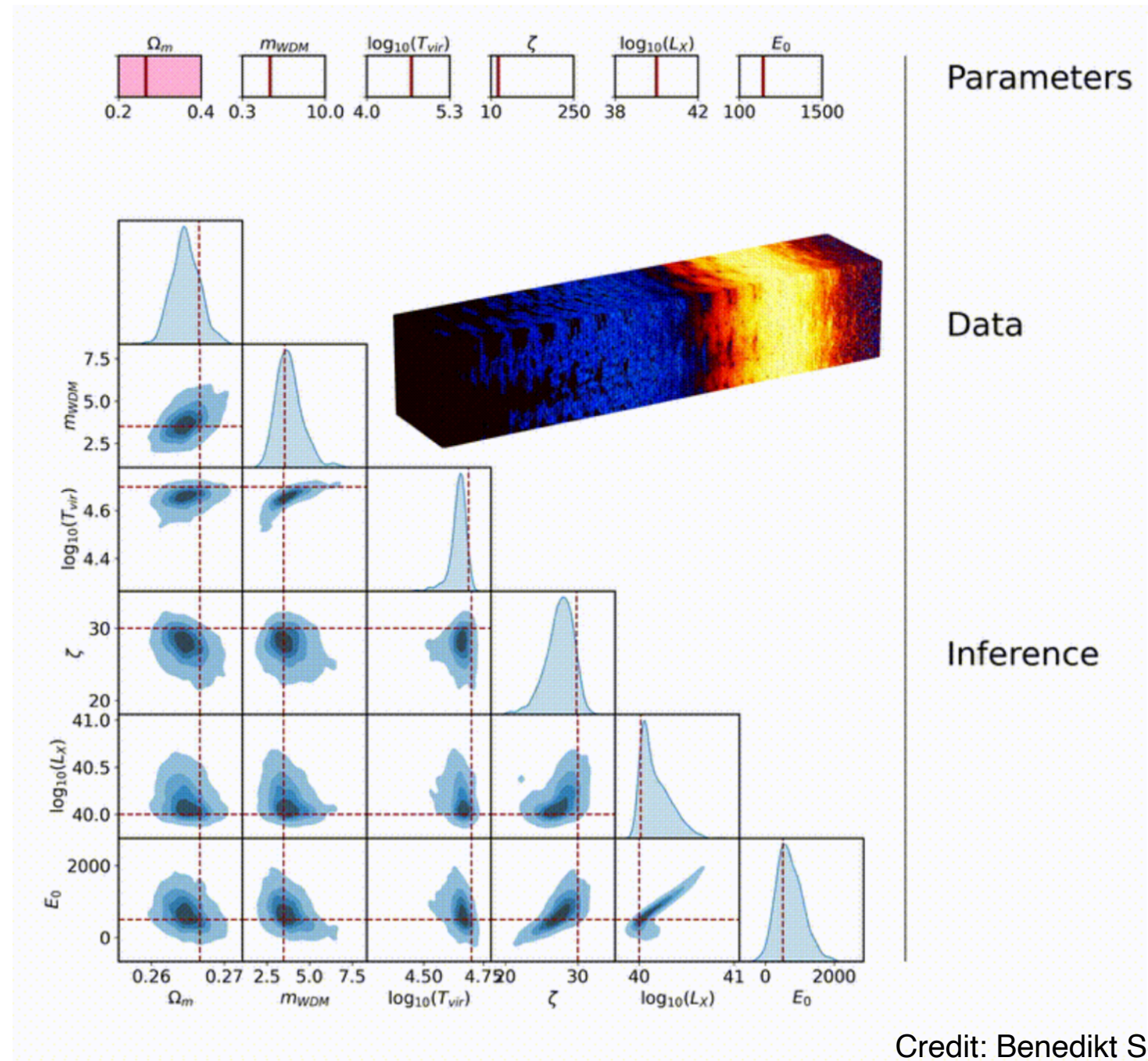
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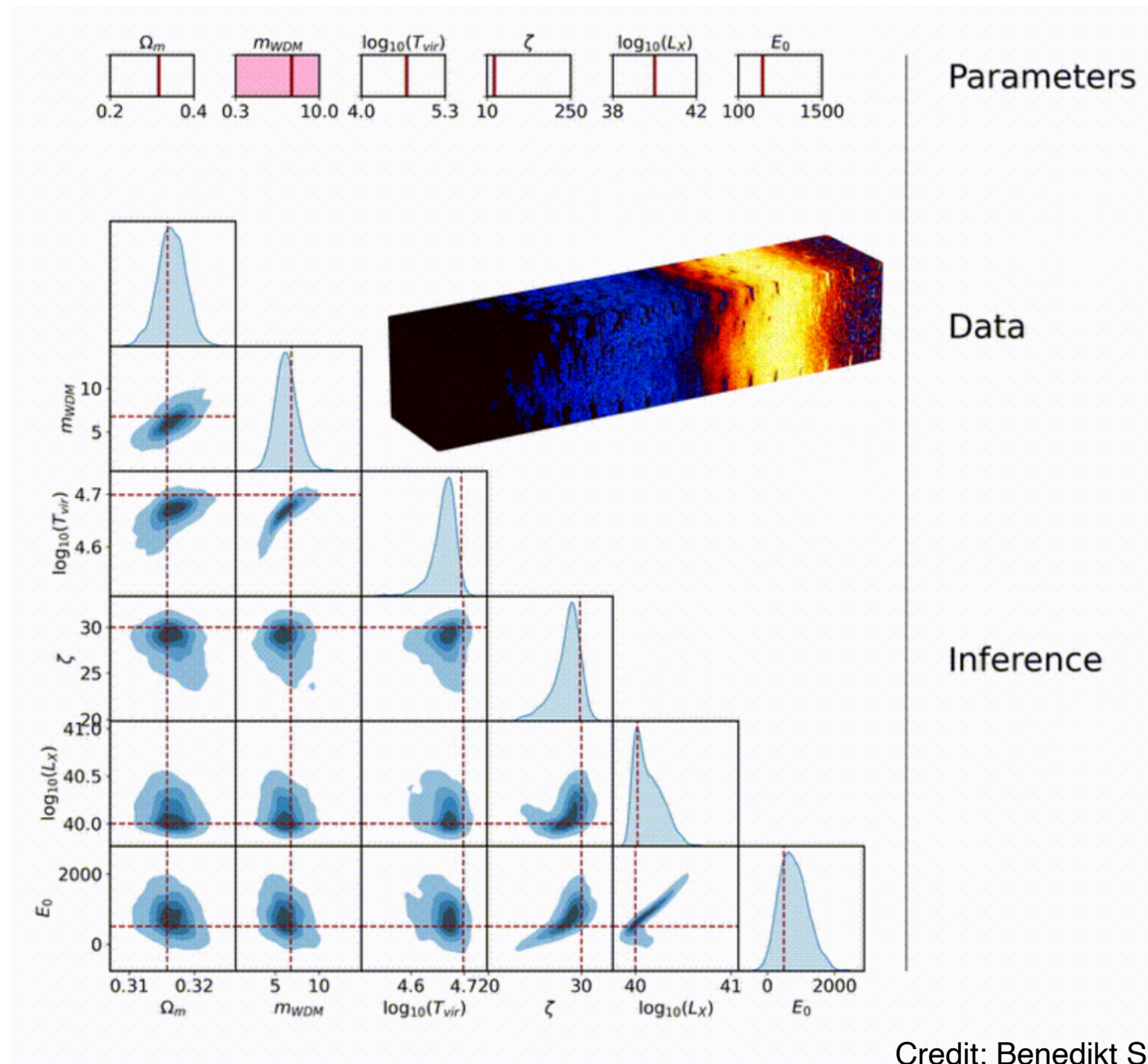
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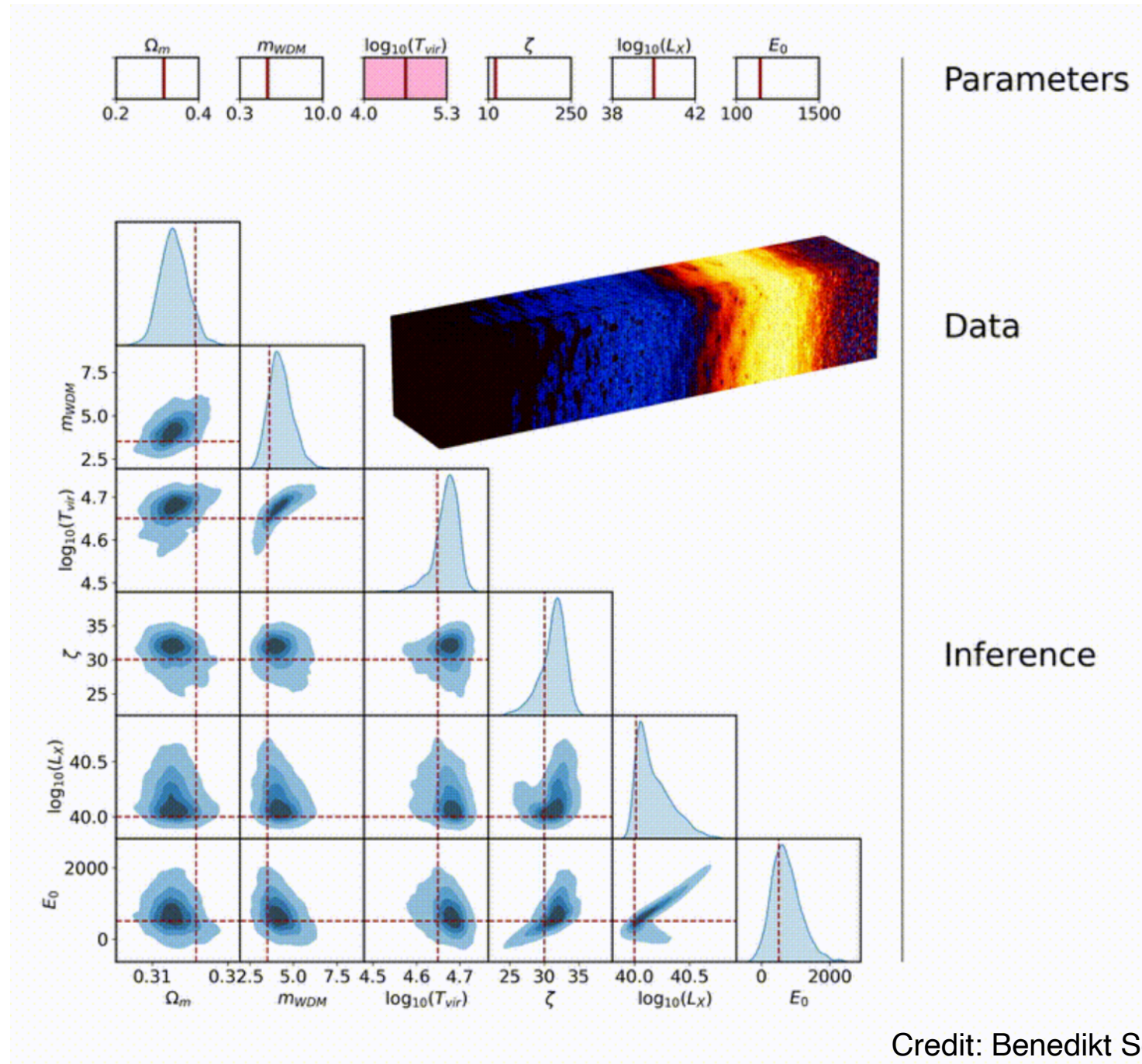
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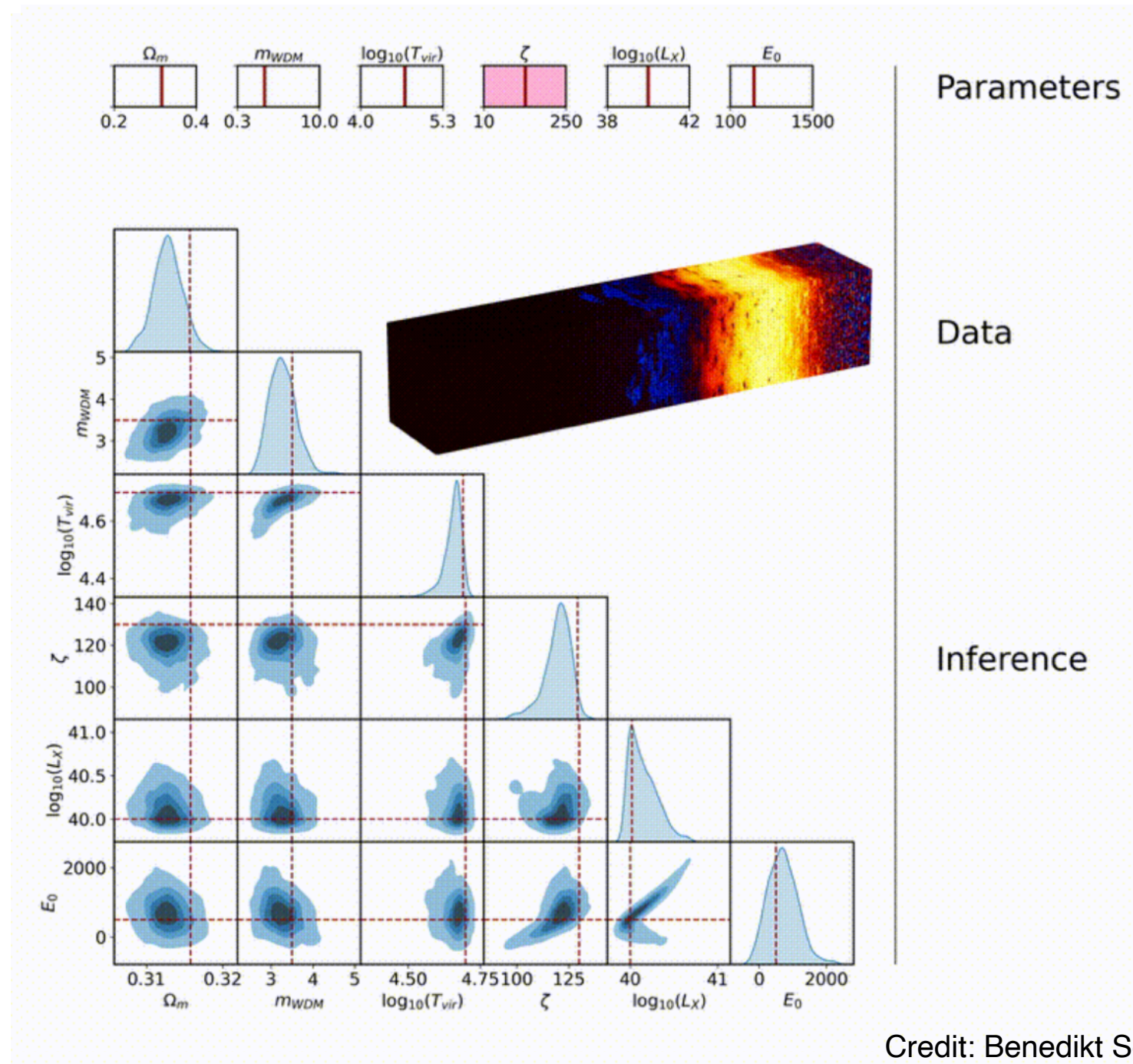
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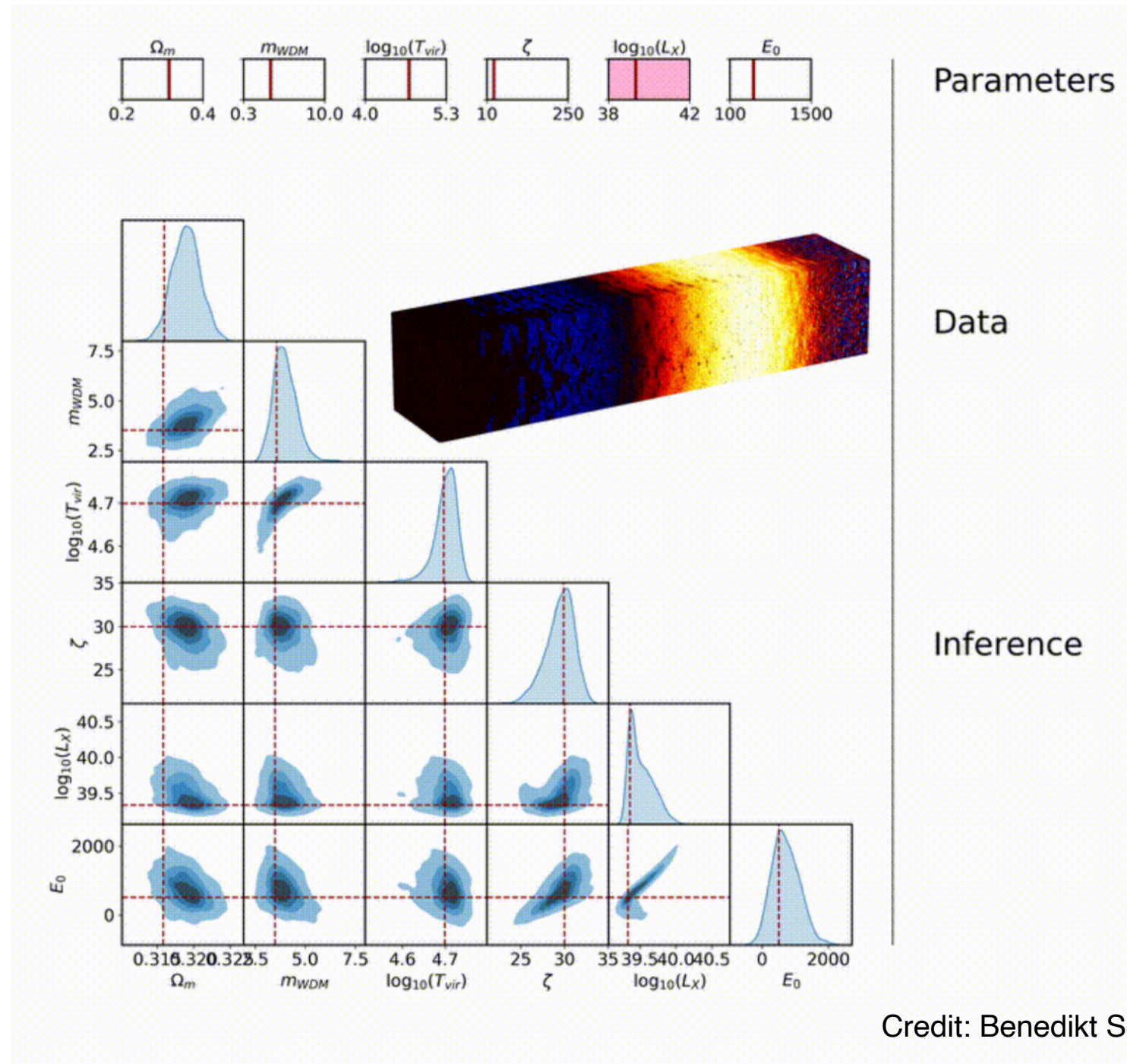
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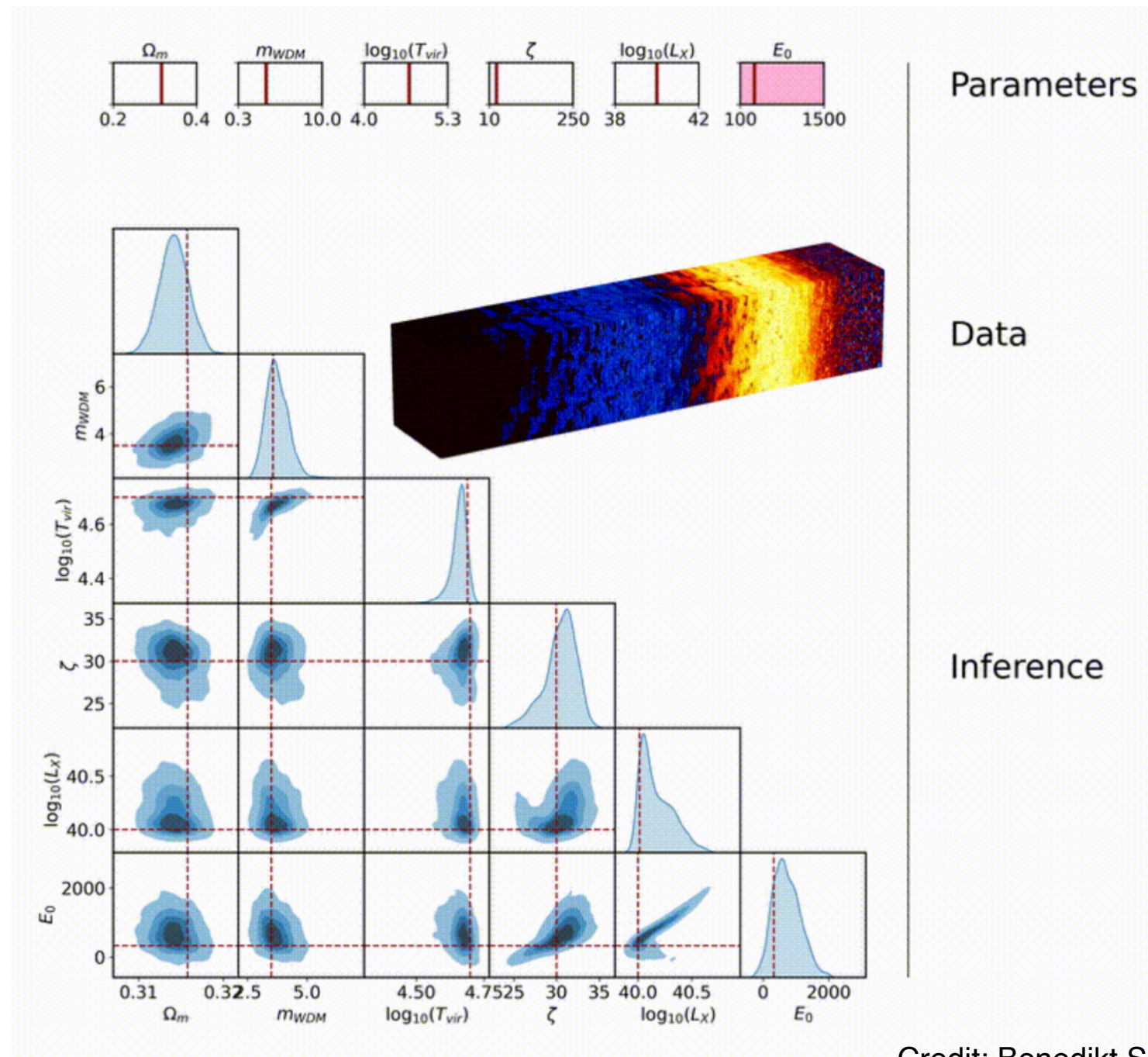
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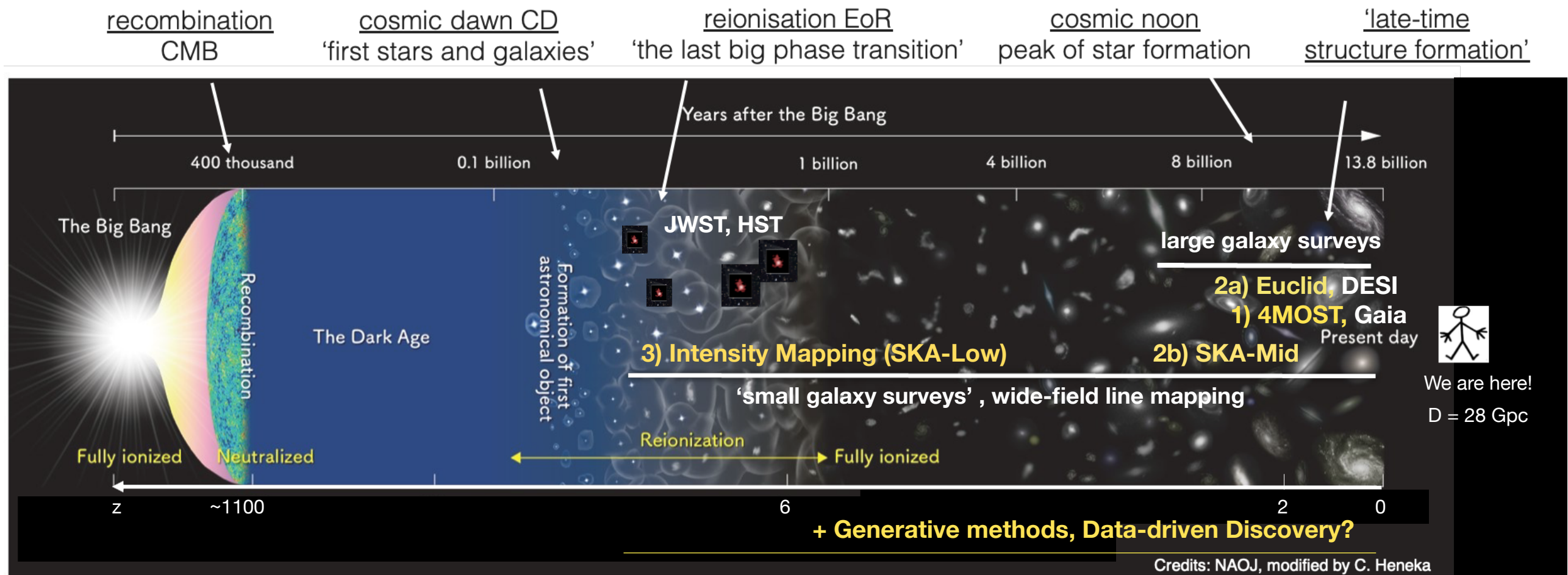


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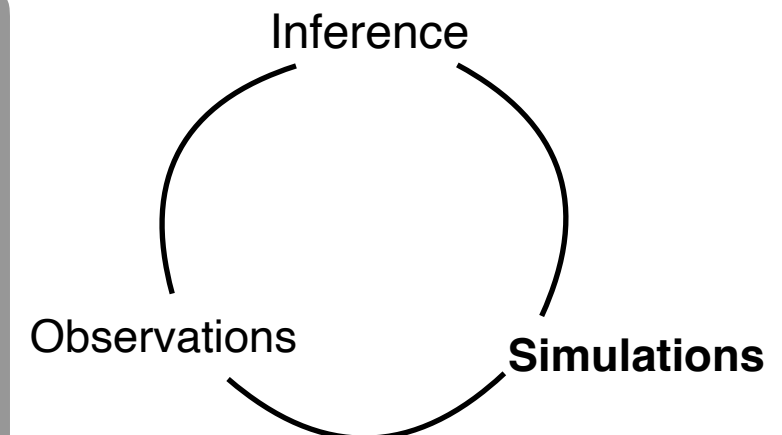
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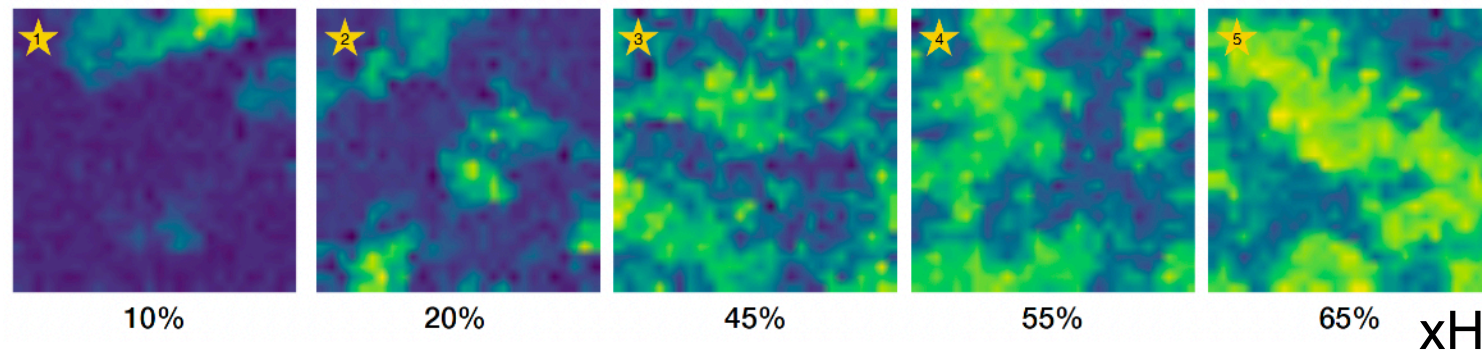




# + Generative Modelling, Data-driven Discovery

Generative models:

Is there a fast way to emulate whole simulations?

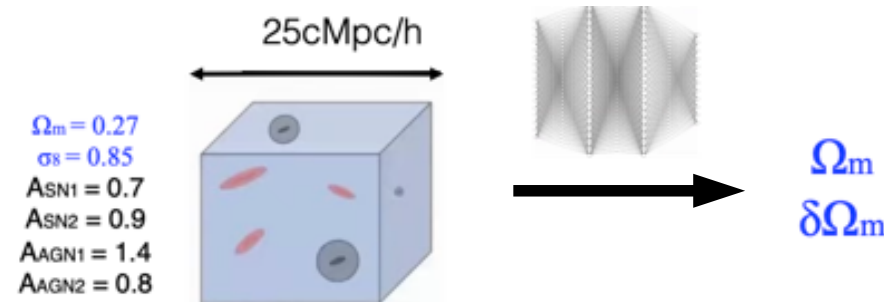


Diffusion models (Ho+20)

Trained on 21cmFAST  
(Mesinger+12, Murray+20)

@Lara Alegre (Postdoc ITP)

+



YES!

~10% uncertainty

Connections on a high-dim manifold?

Villaescusa-Navarro (incl. Heneka)+22

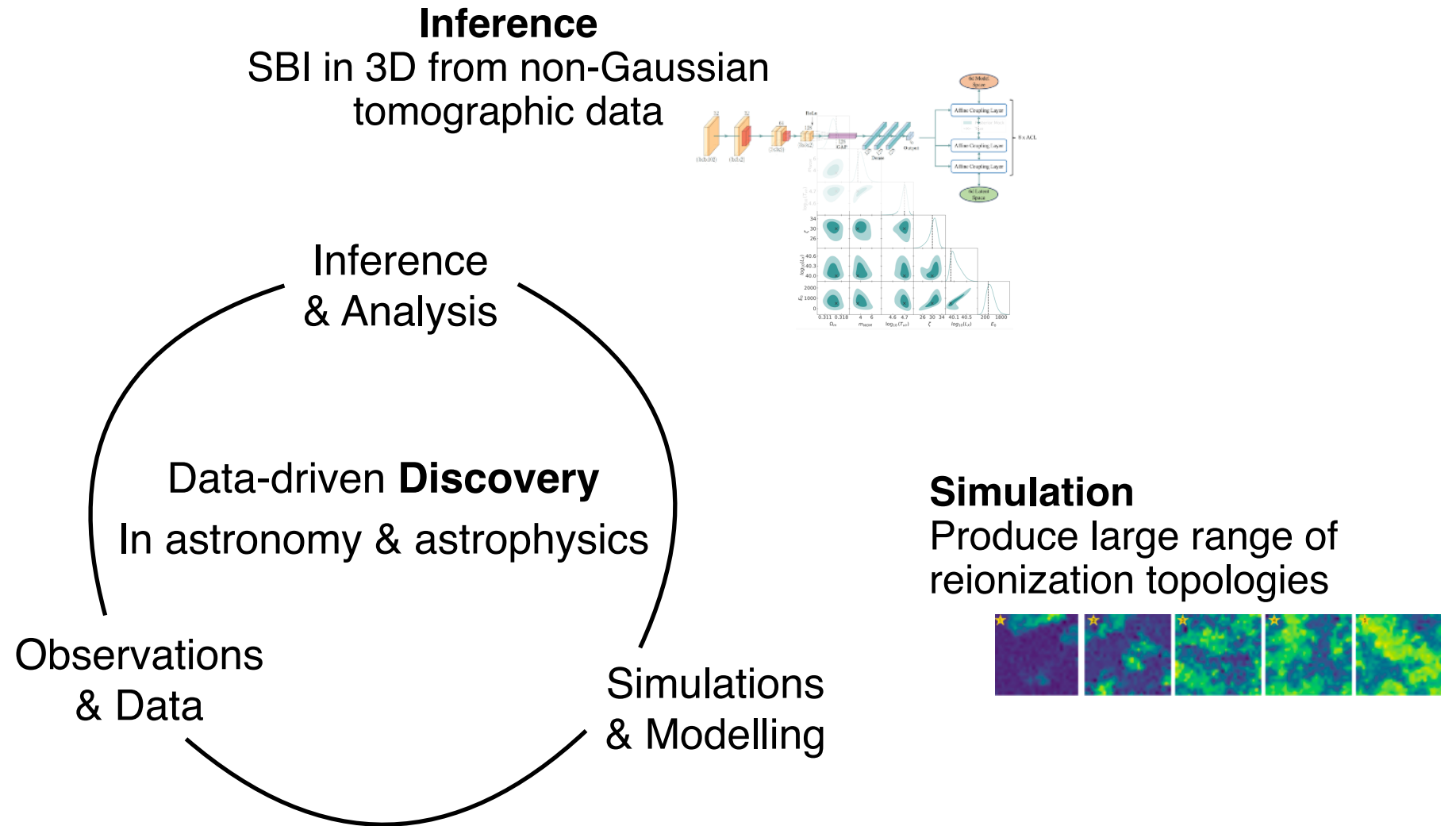
Data-driven discovery:

Can we measure  $\Omega_m$  only from one (random) galaxy?

... on the way to scientific discovery with ML/AI/Big Data and the SKAO !?

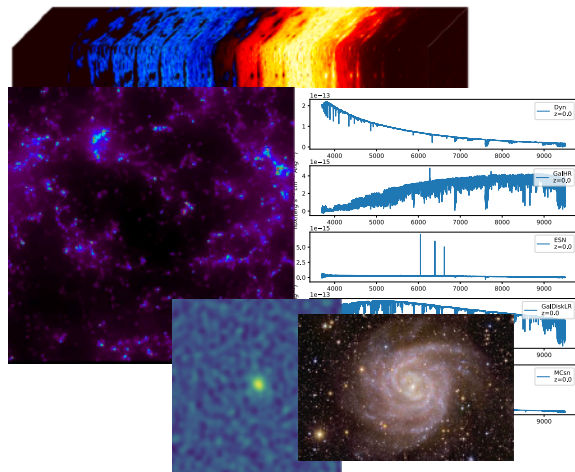
# Summary: Where we stand

## Goal: Understanding & discovery



**Detection & Characterisation**  
Unbiased measurements from diverse sources (galaxies)

**Classification**  
Online classifier and triggering



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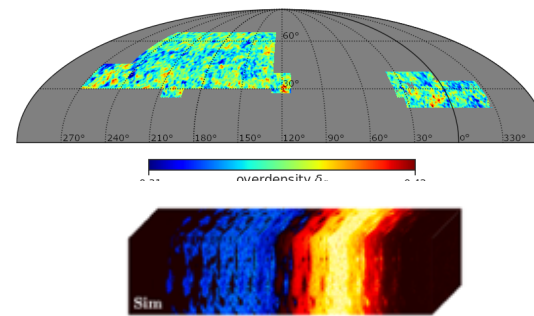
# Next step: Robust Foundational models

Generation & modelling

1) Data, Mocks

Interferometric observations

Data-Simulation Gap



Mock observations

Maps / tomography



2) Transfer

Simulation-based:

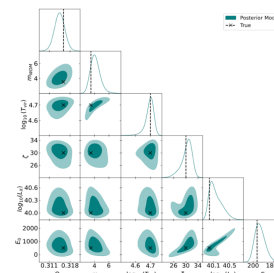
Currently:

Comparison to 'random mocks'  
Derive summaries, such as  $C_l^{gg}$

+ jackknife

+ MCMC sampling

3) Inference



Optimal Summaries

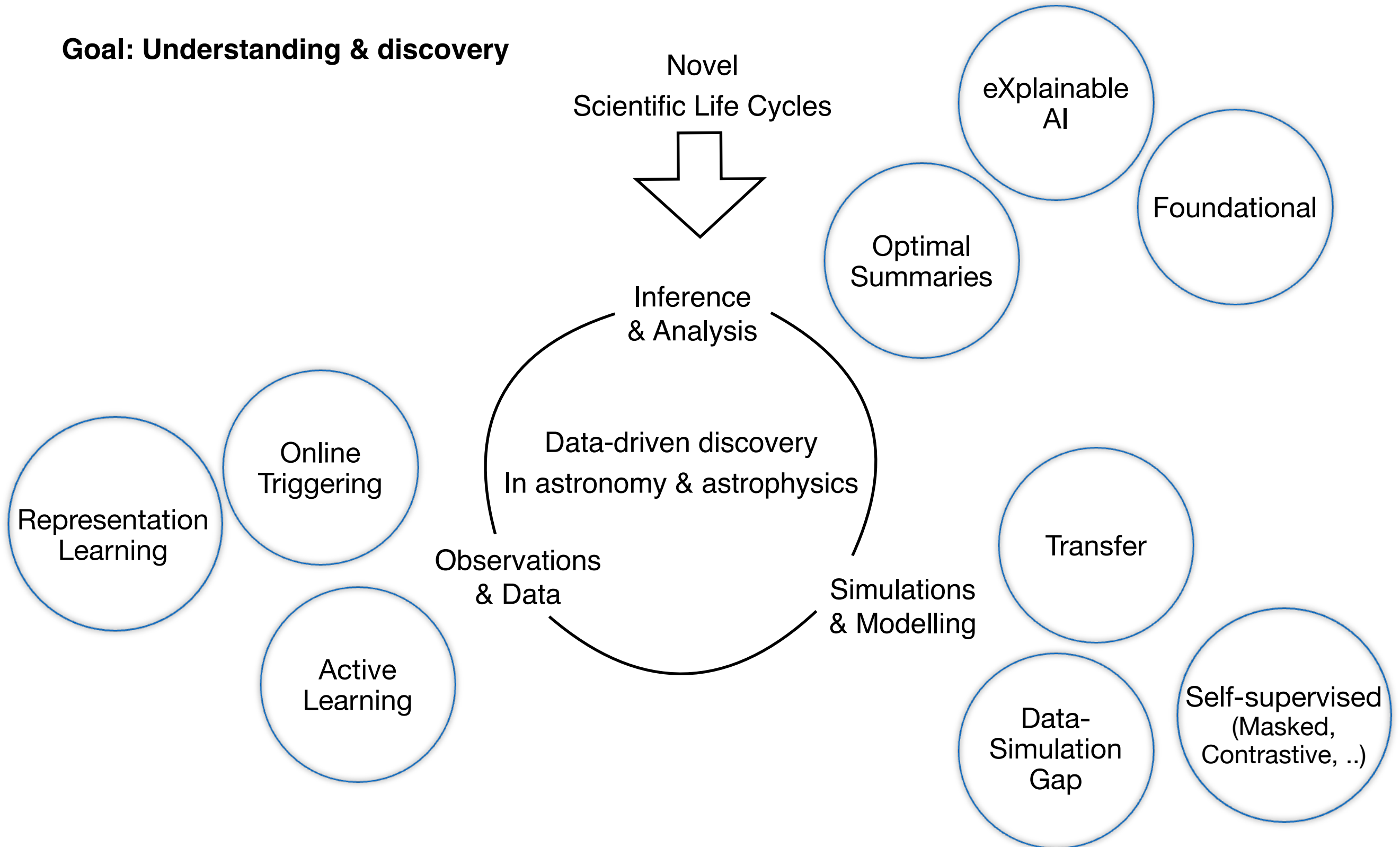
Foundational ?

tuning, self-supervised importance weighing

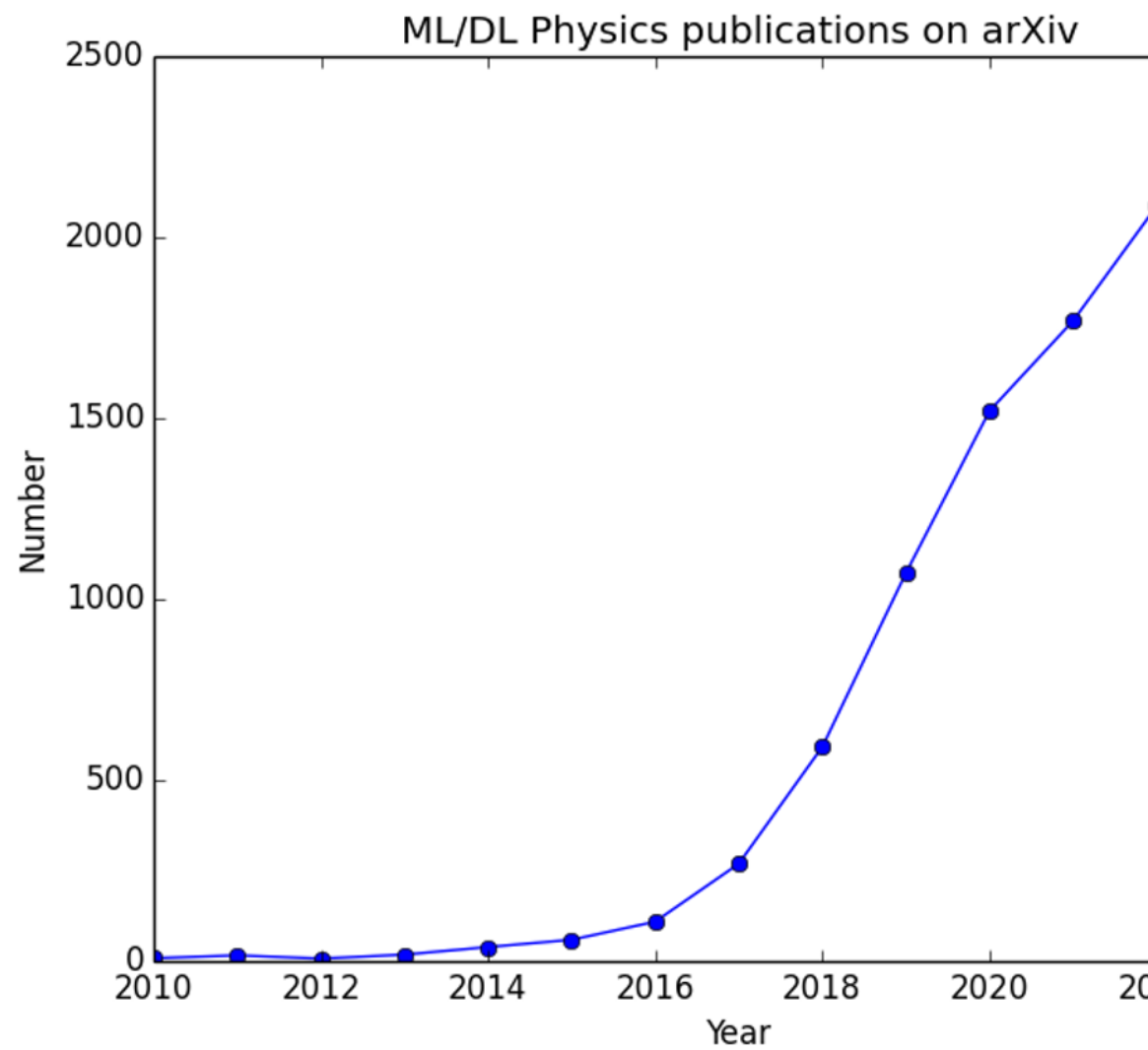
Stay tuned: Ayo Ore et al.



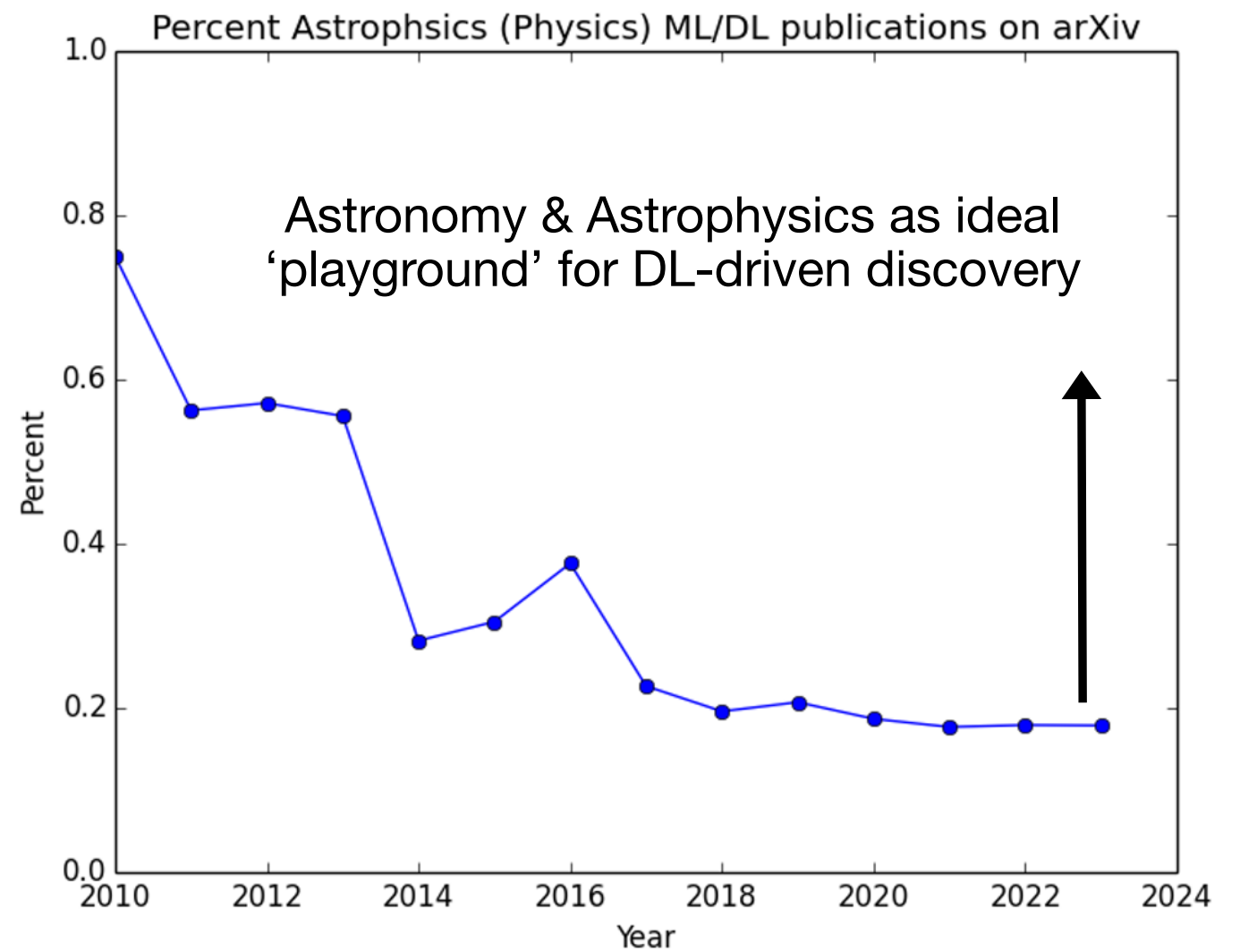
**Goal: Understanding & discovery**



# Summary and conclusions



Some advertisement:  
We have 'endless' open-source public data



Astronomy & Astrophysics as ideal  
'playground' for DL-driven discovery

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